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News Tracker ... What's new with old news

States

Branch Davidians: A 1968 Chevrolet Camaro once owned by former Branch Davidian leader David Koresh is expected to fetch up to \$60,000 at auction this weekend in Texas.

The black two-door Camaro was parked at the Davidian compound near Waco during a 51-day siege by federal agents in 1993 that ended with Koresh and nearly 80 followers dying. Auctioneer Daniel Kruse said he hopes a museum or individual who appreciates the car's historical significance buys it.

Genesis space data: The first solar-wind samples recovered from the crashed Genesis space capsule have been sent to researchers in California.

Three years after it was launched, Genesis returned to Earth on Sept. 8, but it crashed into the western Utah desert when its parachutes failed to deploy.

NASA scientists at Michael Army Air Field at Dugway Proving Ground have been extracting samples plates from the smashed capsule, hoping to recover enough material for substantive study.

Rowland aide indictment: A one-time top aide to former Connecticut Gov. John G. Rowland and a major state construction contractor were indicted on charges they ran a criminal organization from the governor's office, trading contracts for gold coins, expensive meals and limousine trips.

Former co-chief of staff Peter N. Ellef and contractor William Tomasso were due in federal court Friday. The 15-count indictment handed down Thursday accuses them of conspiring to steer state contracts from 1997 to 2003. The racketeering and several other charges each carry up to 20 years in prison.

Tomasso is accused of giving Ellef more than \$1 million worth of gold, cash, trips, meals and vacations. In return, Ellef allegedly helped steer tens of millions of dollars in contracts to Tomasso and his companies.

Hacking murder case: The Utah man accused of killing his wife while she slept and dumping her body in the trash waived a preliminary hearing Thursday, clearing the way for his murder trial.

By giving up the hearing, Mark Hacking essentially is acknowledging that the state has enough evidence against him to proceed with a murder trial.

"Yes, your honor," Hacking told Judge William Barrett when asked if he understood what it meant to waive the hearing.

Those were the only three words Hacking



Illinois Statehouse shooting: Springfield Police Sgt. Steve Swetland questions a handcuffed Derek W. Potts on Monday, about 40 minutes after the killing of a guard at the Illinois state Capitol in Springfield. Potts was stopped in the parking lot of a restaurant and was released, only to be captured and arrested 17 hours later and charged with the murder of William Wozniak at the state Capitol. Department heads said the officers did not know Potts was wanted in the Capitol shooting, and he apparently did not have the shotgun used in the killing or the silver, two-door foreign car linked to the shooter.

than preparation for a launch, a top Japanese official said Friday.

Chief Cabinet Secretary Hiroyuki Hosoda also said Japan-North Korea talks scheduled for Saturday in Beijing would go ahead as planned.

"There are many things needed to launch a missile, but so far we judge that the situation there now is not of that sort," Hosoda told reporters. "We think this was something more like an exercise."

Japan convened an emergency meeting on Thursday after saying it had information suggesting North Korea might be preparing to test fire a short-range missile.

Mideast conflict: Palestinian militants fired two mortars at a Jewish settlement in the Gaza Strip on Friday, killing a 24-year Israeli-American woman and enflaming settler anger at Prime Minister Ariel Sharon.

The death in the southern Gaza settlement of Neve Dekalim was likely to further mobilize opposition to Sharon's plan to withdraw from Gaza in 2005.

The Islamic militant group Hamas claimed responsibility. In response to the mortar fire, Israeli tanks opened fire on the nearby Palestinian town of Khan Younis, the army said. Palestinian witnesses said two Palestinians, a 42-year-old man and a 4-year-old boy, were wounded.

Stories and photos from wire services

World

Canada-U.S. defense partnership: Canada's possible entry into the U.S. missile-defense program still hinges on talks with the United States, Defense Minister Bill Graham said Thursday.

But he offered an indication of which way Canada is leaning by defending the project and taking a swipe at suggestions it would lead to weapons in space.

"It's an important program in the context of Canada-U.S. relations," he said. "I'm continuing these negotiations with that attitude — we're partners for the defense of North America and I think we must remain partners."

The United States is developing a shield against ballistic missiles to guard against potential threats from countries like North Korea. U.S. officials want allies like Britain, Canada, Japan and Australia involved in the project.

North Korea missiles: North Korea's move to boost troop numbers around missile sites is probably a military exercise rather

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7th Fleet on mission to keep Asia stable

BY NANCY MONTGOMERY
Stars and Stripes

ABOARD THE USS CORONADO — At the start of each workday, Vice Adm. Jon Greenert takes inventory.

First up, North Korea. Have there been any provocative moves, worrisome exchanges, giant explosions, test-fired missiles?

"You look at the intelligence and our readiness: Where are our ships? Are they where they need to be?" Greenert said.

Then it's on to China and Taiwan, an assessment of the tensions and threat level there, and whether the fleet is poised to respond.

"Then you sort of work your way south," Greenert said. "Are there any terrorist threats, intelligences, that we're called upon or could be called upon to service?"

It's a long way south, with more than 50 million square miles of the Pacific and Indian oceans — stretching from the International Date Line to the east coast of Africa, and from the Kuril Islands in the north to the Antarctic in the south — within the fleet's area of operations. In that expanse are many countries, most of which bear historic suspicions and grudges toward each other, and at least one country, North Korea, considered a major threat to nearly all the others and to the United States.

Greenert, the 7th Fleet's new commander, does his daily survey to ensure that all of his 40 or more ships, his submarines and aircraft and at least 20,000 or more sailors and Marines are where they need to be and ready to do what they need to do to keep

the peace — or, if that fails, to win the war.

The job requires a mix of attributes, former 7th Fleet commanders have said, not often found together in nature. In addition to all one might expect from a vice admiral in charge of the world's largest forward-deployed fleet, the 7th Fleet commander, more than almost any other U.S. naval commander, also should possess the subtlety and tact of a diplomat.

"I can't think of a place as international as the 7th Fleet," Greenert said in an interview Thursday, the day before he and his staff were to leave the Coronado and return to the refurbished USS Blue Ridge. "Others don't have that breadth of interface and mission."

In the 7th Fleet, the commander and flagship spend more than half the year conducting operations, exercises and port visits.

"You reassure the allies or you improve relations in countries that are not allies," Greenert said. "Russia, China, Vietnam."

Greenert has been in charge of the 7th Fleet for only the past six weeks, but his association with the region and fleet operations stretches more than eight years. In 1997, he served as the fleet's chief of staff, followed by a year spent as Pacific Fleet representative to Micronesia. For the two years before he took over the 7th Fleet in August, he served as the Pacific Fleet's deputy and chief of staff.

So he's familiar with the 7th Fleet's role as the "mortar" between the bricks, as he puts it, that has helped keep Asia stable for the past 30 years.

"We don't have this historical, tradition-

al dog in the fight," Greenert said. "We just want everybody to keep trading. If you're trading, you're probably not going to war."

The 7th Fleet conducts numerous exercises each year with the navies of Japan, especially, as well as South Korea, Thailand, Singapore, the Philippines and other nations. Cocktail parties and receptions may be plentiful, Greenert said, but "things are accomplished during operations, at the conference table and on the ships."

Whatever their historical grievances, most Asian countries find common ground in several areas, Greenert said: fighting terrorism, search-and-rescue operations and dealing with natural disasters such as typhoons. Those areas of interest provide an opportunity for joint, instead of bilateral, exercises.

This year, Greenert said, the 7th Fleet is emphasizing a regional maritime security initiative to try to get a better handle on what ships are doing in Asian waters. Greenert points out that maritime travel is far less structured and regulated than aviation.

"Our vision is sharing information on maritime travel," Greenert said. "Who is who? Are they licensed? What do they carry?"

The Malaysians and Indonesians have had concerns about the initiative, however. "They don't want a heavy-handed patrol," Greenert said. "Our view is we're only interested now in sharing information."

Just as Greenert's biggest worry is North Korea, he said he's been busy these past weeks getting the 7th Fleet's newest mission — missile defense — up and run-

ning by Oct. 1. One of the fleet's three Aegis-equipped destroyers — the USS Curtis Wilbur, the USS John S. McCain or the USS Fitzgerald — will take the first, historic patrol in the Sea of Japan to provide early warning of any ballistic missiles fired by North Korea. It's the first time the United States has deployed ships for missile defense; it was banned under a treaty from which the United States withdrew in the beginning of the George W. Bush administration.

Greenert, from a small town in western Pennsylvania where nearly a third of the residents are of German descent, graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1975 with a degree in ocean engineering.

He spent the next 20 years or so as a submarine officer, he said, and completed studies in nuclear power. So he can speak at length about how the submariners' mission has grown increasingly sophisticated in communications, weaponry and function — "I don't want to call it a starship," he said — and says someday there'll be unmanned submarines weapons acting much like Predators do now in the air.

"Imagine three or four out there," he said.

He's especially interested in an upcoming exercise called Undersea Dominance. The exercise will test a variety of communications sensors for acoustical detection and processing to determine whether the equipment works in 7th Fleet waters.

"We haven't brought this much technology to the western Pacific and put it under the water. I want to pursue that," Greenert said.

Other 7th Fleet commanders have noted that among the perks of the job is the fact that their bosses reside thousands of miles away, in different time zones and a day behind.

"It's the only place I've worked," Greenert said, "where Monday morning is the quietest time."

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Leveling the field



Top left: Petty Officer 3rd Class Troy Hirsch with Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 133's Diesel Sasebo operates a backhoe at Sasebo Naval Base, Japan, on Thursday. NMCB-133 Seabees at Sasebo are to conduct various upgrades at the base during their six-month deployment.

Top right: Petty Officer 1st Class David Blakely verifies the ground level at a project in Hario.

Right: Petty Officer 2nd Class Braydon Dorsey, an equipment operator, levels out a Sasebo construction site.



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AAFES gas prices in Japan to rise by 10 cents on Oct. 1

Pump rates in S. Korea, Guam to go down

BY DAVID ALLEN
Stars and Stripes

CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa — Unleaded fuel prices at Army and Air Force Exchange pumps in Japan and Okinawa will jump 10 cents Friday, the first of what will become monthly adjustments under a pricing system adopted this month.

Unleaded fuel will increase from \$1.64 to \$1.74 a gallon, and diesel prices will increase from \$1.51 to \$1.61.

Previously, gas prices at bases in Japan and Okinawa were set annually but now will change monthly based on U.S. Department of Energy averages from the previous four-week period. Gas prices on Guam and South Korea change monthly.

"Patrons should remember, this is an incremental increase for Japan and Okinawa," stated Col. Michelle Gardner-Ince, AAFES Pacific Region Commander, in a news release issued Friday.

"With the new monthly gas price policy, we at AAFES knew there would be an increase in the price to be more in line with the DOE average," she said. "We wanted to minimize the impact to customers, so we will be raising the price by ten cents a month until we meet the DOE average."

In South Korea, unleaded fuel prices will drop from \$1.93 to \$1.90 per gallon; premium unleaded will drop from \$2.12 to \$2.10 per gallon and diesel will increase from \$1.87 to \$1.93 per gallon.

The price for unleaded fuel at AAFES stations on Guam will decrease from \$1.95 to \$1.92 per gallon, and premium unleaded will decrease from \$2.14 to \$2.12 per gallon.

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Anti-war talk leads to USFK curfew

BY FRANKLIN FISHER

Stars and Stripes

PYONGTAEK, South Korea — The U.S. military Friday imposed a 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. curfew until further notice because of possible violence in South Korea stemming from that country's military involvement in Iraq.

The restrictions apply not only to active-duty military personnel, but also to civilian employees, and contractors and their families, said Kevin Krejcarek, a U.S. Forces Korea spokesman.

In addition, U.S. military installations in South Korea were stepping up security measures, including increased patrols, random vehicle stops and tighter visitor screening.

Additional South Korean police were posted outside U.S. installations and other facilities, U.S. authorities said.

"It applies to everyone associated with the military, of all types ... and is for their safety," Krejcarek said of the curfew.

That includes, for example, teachers working for the Department of Defense Dependent Schools, civilian contractors and family members of those associated with the U.S. military, Krej-

S. Koreans' reaction to involvement in Iraq cited; troops must be on base by 9

carek said.

"We just want people off the street, not to gather in places where many Americans gather," he said.

The USFK action followed a message issued by the U.S. Embassy in Seoul that warned of possible demonstrations and violence against American facilities and personnel in South Korea because of "the recent public announcement regarding the dispatch of Korean troops to Iraq."

In addition, the embassy cited ongoing concern over the threat of terror attacks in the United States and overseas carried out by al-Qaida or other terror groups.

"American citizens and their family members are strongly encouraged to maintain a high level of personal security awareness, especially in areas where large numbers of American citizens congregate," the embassy statement read.

"Tourist and shopping areas in the vicinity of USFK bases are considered especially vulnerable to terrorist attacks and American citizens should avoid these places as much as possible."

The embassy did not disclose more specific information.

"We are not in a position to add any additional details at this time."

"As noted in the message, South Korean police authorities have increased security patrols around U.S. facilities, and we hope that people will follow the advice to maintain a high level of personal security awareness," the embassy said in a later statement.

"The American Embassy has issued a warning, which USFK is following closely," Krejcarek said.

The actions are the second time in the past week U.S. officials have gone public with security warnings.

Attendance was restricted at last weekend's Osan Air Base air show after unspecified intelligence warnings were passed from South Korean police to military security officials.

Officials would not say Friday whether the warnings are related.

Friday's actions coincide with the start of South Korea's Chu-

sok holiday, a major national event in which many businesses close and South Koreans travel for extended visits with relatives.

The Chusok holiday period began Friday night and ends Wednesday night.

The curfew puts a damper on a four-day weekend for many U.S. military personnel, who are taking Monday and Tuesday off as "training holidays."

Officials at U.S. military installations around South Korea said they were working out details of just how they will step up security and observe the curfew.

At Yongsan Garrison, two high-traffic gates were closed midday Friday.

At Kunsan Air Base on South Korea's west coast, officials expanded to 24 hours the time period airmen must observe the "buddy wingman" system, which requires that airmen be accompanied by at least one person when they go off base.

Previously, the buddy system was in effect from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m., said 1st Lt. Michelle Estep, Kunsan's 8th Fighter Wing spokeswoman.

In addition, Kunsan's usual weekend "town patrols" would skip the "America Town" entertainment district outside the base, Estep said.

Instead, "since nobody is going to be in America Town after 9 p.m., they'll just patrol" on-base locations that are typical gathering spots for airmen — squadron dens and lounges, the community activity center and similar spots, Estep said.

Officials at some installations said the curfew would mean large numbers of servicemembers spending the weekend on their installations rather than their usual haunts outside the installations.

Accordingly, officials were gearing up extra entertainment and recreational services.

At Kunsan, airmen have a four-day holiday in observance of Chusok, and the 8th Services Squadron already had set up a weekend of special events.

But with the announcement of the 9 p.m. curfew, they were working to add even more activities.

"Services is excited," said Estep. "It's going to be a very big weekend for them, I'm sure."

Similar security and troop morale measures were being worked at Osan, Maj. Wesley Miller, public affairs chief for the base, said Friday.

"We anticipate that services is going to be upping their things this weekend and trying to create more things for people to do on base," Miller said.

He said base security officials also were working out "some adjustments with gate hours and when we're going to have driving and pedestrian traffic."

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DOD restores Web site access for overseas voters

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon has restored access to a Web site that assists soldiers and other Americans living overseas in voting, after receiving complaints that its security measures were preventing legitimate voters from using it.

The site, www.fvap.gov, had been closed to users of certain Internet service providers, because some hackers were using those providers to launch attacks on U.S. government sites, military officials said.

But that had the effect of restricting legitimate traffic from those providers, as well. The move prompted criticism from overseas voter advocates and a few Democratic members of Congress, who said the security interfered with the voting rights of Americans overseas.

In a statement, the Pentagon said the changes will open the Web site, run by the Foreign Voting Assistance Program, to most, but not all, users.

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Army frowns on dropping Reserve retirement age

Advocates for lowering the age-60 threshold for when Reserve retirement benefits begin will find little to cheer about in a new report from the Government Accountability Office.

With numerous bills before Congress to drop the Reserve retirement age to 55 or younger, lawmakers in 2002 directed GAO to review Reserve retirement, assess the need for change, and weigh the costs of granting annuities earlier against the benefits of retaining more reservists.

The report, released this month, concludes that the Department of Defense doesn't collect attrition data in a way to determine whether the services are keeping enough Reserve and National Guard members for 20 years or more. DOD also lacks data to show whether offering earlier annuities would even improve personnel retention rates.

Yet the report goes on to give five reasons for Congress to move cautiously, or perhaps not at all, to change Reserve retirement.

Cost: The retirement fund expenses to lower the age at which Reserve annuities start would range from a low of more than \$3 billion over 10 years to a high of more than \$34 billion. The totals include the cost of providing, at age 55 or earlier, both annuities and health benefits.

Too few gain: Because only one of four reservists serves long

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Tom Philpott

enough to retire, a change in law to start annuities earlier won't benefit most who served or are now deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan. On the other hand, it would raise the value of retirement for many reservists who might not ever deploy in the war on terrorism. Only a third of Reserve component personnel have been activated since Sept. 11, 2001.

Better alternatives: The services have more efficient ways to raise compensation of deployed reservists. They include hazardous duty pay, family separation allowances and a new, still unused special allowance for military personnel who endure frequent or long deployments.

Rebalancing skills: The Department of Defense is shifting skills previously concentrated in the Reserve and National Guard to active-duty forces. This should relieve operational stress on high-demand Reserve occupations and soften the argument for changing Reserve retirement.

Unintended effects: Changing Reserve retirement could have unintended consequences for keeping active-duty forces. For

example, says GAO, if Reserve retirement is changed to provide immediate annuities after 20 years of service, some personnel who planned to remain on active duty until retirement might leave and serve their remaining time in a Reserve component.

No Reserve retirement changes made it into either the House or Senate version of the 2005 defense authorization bill, now in final negotiations.

To qualify for an annuity at age 60, reservists must have at least 20 years of creditable service, meaning a minimum of 50 retirement points each year from monthly drills, annual training or mobilization. The more points earned, the higher the annuity.

In fiscal 1992, reservists earned an average 64 retirement points. By fiscal 2001, that average was up to 138. Despite a higher pace of deployments, GAO said, Reserve retention rates have remained relatively stable since 1991, the first Persian Gulf War.

In a small nod to advocates for change, GAO noted that the age-60 threshold was set in 1948 when federal civilian employees had to work until 60 to qualify for retirement. In 1967, the minimum federal civilian retirement age was lowered to 55 for employees with 30 or more years of federal service.

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Army Guard recruiting hurt by deployments

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Army National Guard will find 5,000 soldiers short of its recruiting goal this year, in part because fewer in the active-duty force are switching to part-time service, knowing how frequently Guard units are being dispatched to war zones, the Guard's top general said Thursday.

It will be the first time since 1994 that the Guard has missed its sign-up goal.

Army Lt. Gen. H. Steven Blum, chief of the National Guard Bureau, said in an Associated Press interview that he's concerned by the shortfall but believes it will not be a long-term trend.

"This is something that can't be ignored. I've got to watch it every day," he said. "But it's not something that I would say indicates that we're breaking. I think it indicates that the recruiting climate has gotten tougher, and that means we need to adjust to a tougher market."

The Guard had set a goal of 56,000 recruits for the budget year ending Sept. 30 but is likely to end up with about 51,000, he said.

Blum cited two main reasons why the Guard is attracting fewer

soldiers from the active-duty force — a pool of recruits that in some states accounts for half of the new Guard members in a given year.

One reason is the active-duty Army is prohibiting soldiers already in units in Iraq or Afghanistan — or preparing to deploy there — from leaving the service, even if their enlistment term is up.

The other reason, Blum said, is that active-duty soldiers know a growing number of Guard units are being sent to Iraq and Afghanistan, so they figure there is little to be gained, in terms of reduced personal risk, by switching from active duty to the Guard.

"If you want to get away from active duty and you don't want to take a chance that you're going to deploy that quickly again, then you probably are going to make a clean break for a while and not join the Guard or Reserve, and so we are suffering," Blum said.

He also disclosed that the 86th Brigade of the Vermont Army National Guard has been added to the list of Guard units told they will deploy to Iraq for the next troop rotation, which is under way. That unit is likely to go early next year, another official said.

Attracting recruits who have no prior military service, meanwhile, has been made more difficult because many Guard units are spending a year or more abroad and therefore are not available to persuade young people in their communities to join the military, Blum said.

"Our most effective recruiting is word-of-mouth," he said.

"When you have 27 percent of your force deployed overseas, they're not doing much word-of-mouth recruiting."

To respond to the shortfall, Blum said he will increase the number of recruiters and put more effort into targeting young people in high school and college with no military service.

Another key aspect of maintaining Guard strength is what the military calls retention — the Guard members who re-enlist. Blum said the Army Guard is meeting its retention goal this year and finding re-enlistments are higher in units that deployed to Iraq or Afghanistan than those that did not.

He said he believes this reflects the sense of pride and commitment that develops in Guard units when they are put in harm's way, as they are in Iraq and Afghanistan. At least 114 Army National Guard soldiers have been killed in Iraq since the war began in March 2003.



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10th Mountain on yet another deployment

Almost half of division's soldiers are veterans of Afghanistan, Iraq or both

By LISA BURGESS
Stars and Stripes

BAGHDAD When 21-year-old Spc. Alfredo Zendizias first stepped inside the gate of the fabled 10th Mountain Division at Fort Drum, N.Y., in 2001, little did he know that the division would soon become famous as one the Army's most-deployed units.

In fact, his unit in particular, Company C of the 10th Mountain Division's 4th Battalion, 31st Infantry Regiment, "is one of the most deployed units in the Army," according to Lt. Col. John Spiszer, battalion commander.

After Sept. 11, 2001, elements of the 10th Mountain were deployed to Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.; Uzbekistan; Afghanistan for Operation Anaconda; Djibouti in the Horn of Africa; and now Iraq — for a full year, Spiszer said Wednesday.

Zendizias said he knew, after the Sept. 11 attacks — he was in basic training at the time — that deployments would follow, no matter which unit he ended up in.

"I just didn't expect to be out this often," said the young soldier, whose favorite deployment to date has been Africa. "Maybe once."

By the time they return home after a year in Iraq, some 10th Mountain soldiers "will have been deployed for more than 26 months out of the past 45 months," said Spiszer, whose battalion is nicknamed the Polar Bears.

"We have lots of [battle]-scarred soldiers in this brigade," said 2nd Brigade Combat Team commander Col. Mark Milley, a Princeton-educated Ranger and former Special Forces infantryman.

In fact, between 40 percent and 50 percent of the 10th Mountain



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Saba al Boor, the largest town in territory patrolled by Company C of the 10th Mountain Division's 4th Battalion, 31st Infantry Regiment, is known as a quiet, very rural, American-friendly town.

tain soldiers who are now here at Camp Victory were either in Afghanistan, Iraq, or both, Milley said. So Zendizias, who is from Norwalk, Calif., is not alone.

The 2nd BCT is responsible for 700 square miles of the western "hinterlands" of Baghdad, Spiszer said.

The soldiers "do full spectrum operations, from constant patrolling... to helping recruit and mentor" the new Iraq National Police force, Milley said Wednesday.

The brigade also works with local officials on civil affairs

projects such as health care, irrigation systems and potable water and sewage disposal, he said.

Some of the 10th Mountain's soldiers are not in Iraq by choice, such as Spc. Billy Weatherall, a 22-year-old from Bossier City, La. He was only three days from finishing his Army contract and going to college when he got the news on May 12 that he had been extended in order to be sent to Iraq for a year.

Weatherall, who said he joined the military "out of family tradition," including both grandfathers in the Air Force and a fa-

ther in the Marines, had been in the Army for four years and four months and had already done three deployments: Aberdeen, Uzbekistan and Anaconda. Now he is in Iraq, where the unit arrived in mid-July after spending a month in Kuwait. In total, he has been deployed for one year and nine months, he said.

Weatherall said he doesn't mind deployments. "But I didn't realize I'd be deployed four times."

Like his company mate Zendizias, Weatherall liked his stint in Africa the best.

"It was a fantastic deploy-

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Spc. Alfredo Zendizias
10th Mountain Division

ment," he said while grabbing a taco-and-cheese dinner at the chow hall after a Wednesday patrol. "We got to see so much of the other cultures."

The least favorite, for both men, was Operation Anaconda, in Afghanistan.

"Just the terrain was so rough," never mind the fighting, Zendizias said while chewing a corn dog and some fried chicken.

Iraq isn't too bad, both men said.

"The hardest part is not being able to call my family, or not getting time off to goof around with my friends," Zendizias said.

In his precious spare time, Weatherall said, he "lifts weights and goes to church."

"I think [God] is looking over our shoulders because he knows what we are doing is right," the devout Baptist said.

Weatherall said he still intends to go to college when his extension finally ends.

But he doesn't want to cut all his Army ties — he wants to join his local National Guard unit.

"I want to be with my buddies," he said.

Zendizias said he intends to stay in the Army. His dream assignment is Fort Lewis, Wash., working with the new Striker Brigade.

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10 hostages seized; 4 killed in Baghdad

BY FISNIK ABRASHI

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Kidnappers seized six Egyptians and four Iraqis working for the country's mobile phone company in two separate incidents, authorities said Friday, even as British Muslim leaders announced plans to send negotiators to Baghdad in hopes of winning the release of hostage Kenneth Bigley.

Gummen abducted two of the Egyptians in a bold raid Thursday on the firm's Baghdad office — the latest in a string of kidnappings in the capital targeting engineers working to repair Iraq's infrastructure in hopes of undermining the U.S.-allied interim government. Eight other company employees were snatched out of Baghdad the previous day.

Meanwhile, insurgents fired a rocket on a busy Baghdad thoroughfare, killing four people and wounding 14 Iraqis, the military said in a statement. Blood stains could be seen on the street afterward, footage from Associated Press Television news showed.

The worsening security situation prompted one U.S. official to warn that Saddam Hussein's trial on war crimes charges would likely not take place any

time soon. The official, who asked not to be named, also dismissed allegations by the war crimes tribunal's ousted director that interim Iraqi Prime Minister Ayad Allawi had taken over the court and was pushing for "show trials" to boost his popularity ahead of January elections.

The fresh spate of kidnappings came amid the hostage drama surrounding a civil engineer, Kenneth Bigley. The militants have threatened to kill the 62-year-old Briton next unless Iraqi women are freed from prison.

Tawhid and Jihad, led by Jordanian terror mastermind Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, has already beheaded two Americans who were kidnapped along with Bigley from their Baghdad home.

The Muslim Council of Britain said it was sending Daud Abdullah and Musharraf Hussain, whom it described as "well-respected figures in the British Muslim community," to Baghdad for talks to try to win Bigley's freedom. The council, an umbrella group of British Muslim organizations, said it would leave for Baghdad "very shortly," but did not specify when.

"Our religion Islam does not allow us to harm the innocent,"

said Iqbal Sacranie, the group's secretary-general. He urged the kidnappers to "release this man back into the arms of his waiting family."

Two of the Egyptians were kidnapped when gunmen stormed into the office of the Iraq mobile phone company in Baghdad's upscale Harthiya neighborhood Thursday night, said Iraqi Interior Ministry official Col. Adnan Abdul-Rahman.

The kidnappers hustled the two communications engineers into a black BMW and drove them away, he said. Another ministry official said the gunmen tied up guards at the office.

The two were employed by Motorola but were doing work from Iraq, said Fawaz Mabrouk, an Egyptian Embassy official.

Four more Egyptian engineers and four Iraqis were kidnapped Wednesday while working outside of Baghdad, Mabrouk said. One of the four Iraqis has been released, he said, without offering details.

The six Egyptians were working for Orascom, the parent company for Iraq, according to a statement from the Egyptian Foreign Ministry. The statement did not mention the Iraqis.

The ministry said it was exerting "intensive" efforts to secure



Two U.S. soldiers and an Iraqi soldier investigate near the Italian Embassy in Baghdad after mortars exploded on Friday. Three Iraqis were slightly wounded in the attack.

the release of the Egyptians.

More than 140 foreigners have been kidnapped in Iraq and at least 26 of them have been killed by their captors.

With kidnappings, car bombings and shootings escalating — and several cities effectively under insurgent control — U.S. Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld suggested Thursday that parts of Iraq might have to

be excluded from the elections.

A senior State Department official disputed the statement Friday.

"We're going to have an election that is free and open and that has to be open to all citizens," Deputy Secretary of State Richard Armitage told a House of Representatives committee in Washington. "It's got to be our best effort to get it into troubled areas as well."

U.S. deaths in Iraq

The Associated Press

As of Thursday, Sept. 23, 2004, 1,039 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to the Defense Department. Of those, 789 died as a result of hostile action and 250 died of nonhostile causes. The figures include three military civilians.

The British military has reported 65 deaths; Italy, 19; Poland, 13; Spain, 11; Bulgaria, six; Ukraine, eight; Slovakia, three; Thailand, two; the Netherlands, two; and Denmark, El Salvador, Estonia, Hungary and Latvia have reported one death each.

Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 901 U.S. military members have died — 680 as a result of hostile action and 221 of nonhostile causes, according to the military.

The latest deaths reported by U.S. Central Command.

■ A Marine was killed Wednesday in Iraq's Anbar province.

The latest identifications reported by the Department of Defense and the North Dakota National Guard.

■ Army Sgt. Brandon E. Adams, 22, Hollidaysburg, Pa., died Sunday at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in

Washington, D.C., of injuries sustained Feb. 16 when a grenade exploded as he was clearing a house in Fallujah, Iraq, assigned to the 1st Battalion, 32nd Infantry Regiment, 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum, N.Y.

■ Marine Sgt. Foster L. Harrington, 31, Fort Worth, Texas, killed Monday in Iraq's Anbar province; assigned to the Marine Corps Reserve 3rd Force Reconnaissance Company, 4th Marine Division, Mobile, Ala.

■ Army Pfc. Adam J. Harris, 21, Abilene, Texas, killed Wednesday when he was shot by a sniper; assigned to 2nd Battalion, 3rd Infantry Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, Fort Lewis, Wash.

■ Army Staff Sgt. Lance J. Koenig, 33, Fargo, N.D., killed Wednesday near Tikrit, Iraq, when the explosive he was investigating went off; assigned to Company B of the North Dakota Guard's 141st Engineer Combat Battalion.

■ Marine Sgt. Benjamin K. Smith, 24, Carterville, Ill., killed Wednesday in Iraq's Anbar province; assigned to 1st Tank Battalion, 1st Marine Division, 1st Marine Expeditionary Force, Marine Corps Air Ground Combat, Twentynine Palms, Calif.

■ Army Pfc. Nathan E. Stahl, 20, Highland, Ind., killed Tuesday by an explosive in Iraq; assigned to 2nd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, Fort Lewis, Wash.

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Gruesome medium a loud message for world



Men at a Baghdad barbershop watch the television broadcast of British hostage Kenneth Bigley pleading with Prime Minister Tony Blair to help save his life. Militants in Iraq have successfully blended ancient fears with modern technology to create a powerful method of communication.

Iraqi militants use Web to spread fear, gain loyalty

BY TED ANTHONY
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Insurgents in Iraq have commandeered a modern medium by bringing decapitation videos to the Internet, making an ancient punishment a 24-hour news cycle's shocking message of defiance — one that effectively both sows terror and shows off to the young Islamic men the militants are trying to recruit.

"What they do is behead Americans so they can get on the TV screens," President Bush said Thursday. "And they're trying to shake our will and they're trying to shake the Iraqis' will."

That much is certain. But behind the mix of brutality, aptly

produced video and a free global distribution system, the militants are tapping into a network of fears many centuries old — and blending the ancient with the modern to create a freshly powerful method of communication.

Since journalist Daniel Pearl was beheaded on video in Pakistan in 2002, the taped decapitation of kidnapped Westerners has become a staple of post-Sept. 11 shock value.

The past week in Iraq has been particularly striking. Two Americans and a Briton were abducted from their Baghdad home last week, and the Americans were beheaded and their slayings shown on graphic videos posted on the Internet. The Briton was shown in a video Wednesday pleading for his life.

And in a departure from ancient practice — when executioners were usually hired hands — at least one of this week's beheadings was carried out personally by a hooded Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, the al-Qaida-linked militant who has spearheaded the insurgency in Iraq.

Commentary from American news outlets has focused on the primitiveness of the execution method ("Butchers," said the New York Post; "Savages," said the New York Daily News). But the videos themselves — complete with full-motion graphics and scene fades — exude sophistication.

Some describe the beheading imagery as careful symbolism that's designed to appear primitive — and thus enhance the militants' credibility by placing them closer to Islam's roots when, one scholar says, "the sole way of fighting was the sword."

"In reality, they don't fight the Americans with knives. They fight them with explosions and guns," said Diaa Rashwan, an expert on Islamic militants at the Al-Ahram Center for Political and Strategic Studies in Cairo.

"But in the face of the camera, they play this tradition of Islam, or what they consider the original Islam," he said. "They want to confirm they are in the same war that the prophet and the first Muslims were fighting."

That notion plays not only to the West but to young Muslims who could be recruited for the militants' cause — if they see evidence that the insurgency is strong and pure.

Decapitation, official and otherwise, has a lengthy and continuing history in the Islamic world. But in most of the West today, the act conjures medieval chaos and disgusting brutality that transcends the act of murder.

The Romans cut off heads, and John the Baptist's delivered on a silver platter stands as one of the New Testament's more lurid tales. Medieval England used a semi-routine practice, from Henry VIII's executions of wives Anne Boleyn and Catherine Howard to the beheadings of Charles I and Mary Queen of Scots.

And France, during its revolution, elevated the guillotine to an

Beheading video stats

There are many reasons to be profoundly disturbed about the beheading videos streaming out of Iraq — yet people around the world are eager to watch.

Dan Klinker operates a Web site carrying Monday's video of a hooded man cutting off the head of U.S. contract worker Eugene "Jack" Armstrong. More than 1 million users had clicked those images into their personal computers, he said. Six Internet servers, according to Klinker, are "barely able to handle the traffic" of 50,000 visitors an hour who are angling for a peek at the grisly death of Armstrong.

More than half of those clicking on the video are residents of the United States.

From wire services

execution machine designed to be more humane and efficient than previous methods — and abolished it only a generation ago.

Today's videos from Iraq, which include disoriented hostages forced to hole up with their captors for days while blindfolded to ponder their imminent doom, push the terror quotient even higher.

When media-age Americans have encountered graphic death, it has a history of resonating in the culture.

One of journalism's most notorious photos remains that of Ruth Snyder, executed in New York's electric chair in 1928. A reporter with a camera strapped to his leg, snapped the shot, and the image of her death — on the cover of the New York Daily News the next morning — caused moments of sensation and recriminations.

And in 1968, Associated Press photographer Eddie Adams' picture of the South Vietnamese police chief shooting a Viet Cong captive in the head became one of the war's most memorable images.

But the recent beheadings touch a place deep inside that nothing else does. In Baghdad, a random sampling of residents Thursday produced people uniformly taken aback by the decapitations.

"These terrorists are killing their hostages in this drastic manner because they want to anger people and turn them against Islam," said Ali Hussein, a Baghdad calligrapher.

What's next? "A cultural critic Neal Gabler, author of 'Life: The Movie,' the producers of the Iraq beheading videos are evolving into a bizarre permutation of 'connoisseurs' for an internet audience."

"You're always upping the ante — whether it's movies, television or the Internet," Gabler said. "We're living in an endless game of 'Can you top this?' And human imagination is the only limitation to where this goes."

Associated Press writer Sinan Salhedan in Baghdad contributed to this report.



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Fort Benning GIs get refund from insurance scam

By DICK PETTYS
The Associated Press

ATLANTA — Many of the young soldiers at Fort Benning thought they were purchasing an investment product after they listened to the agent's spiel, but they really were buying term life insurance at less-than-bargain rates.

Now some who bought the policies in 2002 and 2003 at the Army infantry training base in west Georgia will see refunds as a result of a state investigation into whether agents from some companies misled the young recruits.

And the probe has expanded to other Georgia military bases where similar complaints have

been raised, state insurance commissioner John Oxendine said Thursday.

The official, John Oxendine, said the situation reminds him of one aimed at senior citizens years ago in which some insurance agents were offering retirement investment help to older Americans while actually just selling "garbage life insurance policies."

"This is pretty much the same approach," he said, "except they're going after 19-year-old kids."

"Marketing an insurance product as an investment is clearly inappropriate and does violate Georgia law. So that's kind of what we're looking at," he added.

Oxendine said it appears from his initial findings that some agents gained access to Fort Benning either through a vendor's pass or through friends, and then advertised financial planning, consulting or investment services while actually selling overpriced term life policies.

Some of the soldiers who bought the policies — generally through payroll deductions of \$100 a month — believed they were investing "in some kind of bank or investment program or mutual fund" that would pay dividends, not realizing they were purchasing an insurance product, Oxendine said.

"The people we talked to honest-

ly thought they were making an investment. They thought it was like putting money in a bank," he said. "They said insurance was mentioned, but not really talked about. All they [the agents] talked about was 'investment, investment, investment.'" Fort Benning spokesman Rich McDowell said military officials "take what happened very seriously" and said vendors must now secure "all sorts of clearances" before being permitted on base.

One company that pushed policies at Fort Benning — American Amicable Life Insurance Co. of Waco, Texas — is offering refunds, company spokesman Mark Palmer said.

After The New York Times reported in July on the policy sales, American Amicable launched an internal probe and found that four insurance agents violated company and Department of Defense rules by approaching groups of soldiers in basic training, Palmer said.

Three of the agents have been fired and one resigned, he said. The company hasn't found similar instances at other bases, he said.

Palmer said 575 of the premium that soldiers paid for the product went to a term life insurance policy and \$25 in an annuity rider guaranteed to give them a 4 percent return on investment but currently paying 6.5 percent.



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IN THE WORLD

Haitians struggling to recover

Death toll hits 1160

BY AMY BRACKEN
The Associated Press

AGONAIVES, Haiti — Survivors traumatized by the ongoing toll from Tropical Storm Jeanne, which has claimed more than 1,100 lives and left tens of thousands hungry and thirsty, are burying unclaimed corpses in mud-clogged backyards and attacking aid trucks and even kindly neighbors bringing food.

People were defecating on streets still knee-deep in contaminated mud that was slowly caking over bodies, animal carcasses and debris including pieces of torn-off roofs that are slashing into barefooted survivors.

Limes have become a hot item in the devastated city of 250,000 because people hold them to their noses to relieve the stench. Some 1,013 bodies were counted and buried in the city by Thursday night, according to Dieufort Deslores, a spokesman for the government's civil protection agency who spoke from Port-au-Prince, the capital. But the burial of one truckload was stopped Thursday when cemetery workers demanded money for the extra work. Others objected to the burials with no religious rites — many Haitians believe a corpse interred without ceremony will wander and commit evil acts.

"We stopped the burial yesterday because it smelled so bad, it's infecting our lungs and they're not paying us," said gravedigger Jeudi Nestin. He also complained that people were throwing animal carcasses into the massive pit.

It was unclear what happened to the truckload of bodies turned away.

Other protesters wanted officials to re-



A man shouts Friday as people try to get into a truck with food to be distributed in Gonaives, Haiti. Tropical Storm Jeanne ravaged the island last week, claiming at least 1,160 lives and leaving tens of thousands hungry and thirsty.

cover bodies in waterlogged surrounding fields, and to help search for the missing. Many believe they are dead washed out to sea, under the mud, or floating in still-inaccessible areas.

"They may be presumed dead," said Toussaint Kongo-Doudou, a spokesman for the U.N. stabilization mission in Haiti, which put the missing at 1,251.

Deslores, the government spokesman, said the number of bodies recovered had risen to 1,160 by Friday morning, with nearly 300,000 people homeless in Haiti's northeast province — with the vast majority of victims in Gonaives.

At dawn Friday, a group of farmers walked across fields turned to swamps, carrying empty buckets and sacks in hopes of buying something to eat at Aupoto market town where they usually sell their produce — "the closest place that isn't devastated," they said.

The Roman Catholic Church has warned that the storm's destruction of crops in the Artibonite region that is the country's breadbasket could provoke a food crisis down the road.

Several nations have been flying in relief food and supplies. In addition, members of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies have sent aid in planes that arrived from Panama and Canada on Thursday and France on Friday, said the federation's Hans Havik.

Getting the relief supplies to the needy would be more difficult. "We're working on organizing security at the distribution points, because this is an increasingly important issue with people going four or five days without food or water," Havik said.

On Thursday, scores of pushing and carrying people jumped on a dump truck shoveling relief supplies collected by Rotary Club members from Port-au-Prince. The truck tried to drive away but the crowd emptied it of food, water, surgical gloves and matches in about 10 minutes.

The leader of Haiti's U.S.-backed government, interim President Boniface Alexandre, appealed this week for urgent aid, and numerous countries responded.

On Thursday, the U.S. government said it would provide more than \$2 million — an increase from \$60,000.

IAEA calls for end to N. Korea nuclear plans

BY GEORGE JAHN
The Associated Press

VIENNA, Austria — A 137-nation meeting of the atomic watchdog agency demanded on Friday that North Korea scrap nuclear weapons ambitions and urged it to allow agency inspectors to supervise its return to peaceful activities.

The conference has no authority to enforce its resolutions, and North Korea severed its ties with the agency in 2002.

Still, the document reflected international concern over North Korea's threats to build nuclear weapons and attempts to use that as a bargaining chip at six-party talks designed to wrest concessions from the United States and others.

IAEA Director-General Mohamed ElBaradei told the agency's board last week that the nuclear standoff with North Korea posed a "serious challenge" to the global effort to control the spread of atomic weaponry.

ElBaradei said that, with his agency shut out of North Korea since December 2002, it cannot say whether the country has diverted sensitive nuclear material to other nations or groups looking to build a bomb.

N. Korea denounces war video games

SEOUL — Video games depicting Western special operations forces infiltrating North Korea drew a rebuke from Pyongyang Thursday, which blasted their planned distribution in South Korea.

Saying the French-produced games reflected U.S. intentions to invade, the communist state called planned sales in South Korea a "hostile provocation," according to the main government-run newspaper, Rodong Sinmun.

In August, South Korean game distributor Wizard Soft announced a deal with France's Ubisoft to introduce several war-based video games depicting covert operations, including "Tom Clancy's Ghost Recon 2" and a "Splitter Cell" series.

In "Ghost Recon 2," multinational special forces infiltrate North Korea amid food riots to depose a rogue general who controls the military.

China executes baby trafficker

BEIJING — A Chinese court has executed a gang leader convicted of selling more than 200 baby girls, a newspaper reported Friday.

Li Guojun was put to death Thursday by a court in the central city of Puyang, the Beijing Times said. Li was involved in a highly publicized incident in March 2003 in which 28 baby girls, none older than three months, were found in nylon tote bags on a long-distance bus, it said.

More than 60 people convicted in connection with that incident in the eastern region of Guangxi have been given sentences ranging from prison terms to death.

China has a thriving black market in babies that are abducted or bought from poor families for sale to childless couples or those who have one child and want more. Some girls are sold as brides.

The trade is driven in part by birth control rules that allow most couples only one child. Purchased children who are registered as adopted don't trigger the fines and other punishments imposed on parents who have more than one child of their own.

Infant babies in China reportedly were drugged to keep them quiet during shipment. At least one died.

From The Associated Press

Officials: S. Korean company sold nerve agent chemicals to N. Korea

The Associated Press

SEOUL — North Korea imported 107 tons of South Korea-originated sodium cyanide last year, acquiring a toxic chemical that can be used to make nerve gas, South Korean officials said Friday.

South Korea worried that some of its "strategic goods" materials that can be used for military and terrorist purposes — have recently ended up in the hands of countries like North Korea and Libya, and said it was tightening control of exports of those items.

In the latest revelation, a South Korean company was found to have sold 107 tons of sodium cyanide to a Chinese firm from June to September last year. The cargo was then shipped from China to North Korea, said the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Energy in a news release.

The South Korean company shipped the chemical without an export permit. The company head was later prosecuted and sentenced to a suspended 1½ years in jail for violating the country's trade law, the news release said.

The ministry did not identify the names of the traders involved in the deal.

Separately, South Korea is investigating a report that a Malaysian company exported 40 tons of sodium cyanide, including 15 tons originating in South Korea, to North Korea in August.

Sodium cyanide is normally used to make pesticides and in industrial plating. But treated with acids, it can turn into a lethal nerve gas or blood agent.

Officials and lawmakers had said the chemical was a component in sarin, the deadly nerve gas used in the 1995 Tokyo subway attack that killed 12.

But Suh Young-joo, a trade official at the ministry, later said that sodium cyanide is not a component of sarin but that it can be used to produce a less potent nerve gas.

Chung Young-shik, a chemicals expert at South Korea's Korea Research Institute for Chemical Technology, said sodium cyanide is used to make the nerve gas tabun, not sarin.

Although it was unclear why the

North wanted the chemical, the communist country does have a large stockpile of chemical and biological weapons, in addition to its nuclear weapons programs, according to U.S. and South Korean officials.

Last week, Thai officials confirmed that North Korea attempted to import 70 tons of South Korea-originated sodium cyanide from Thailand last year before South Korea persuaded Bangkok to stop the shipment.

In line with a U.S.-led global campaign to limit international trading in materials that can be used to produce weapons of mass destruction, South Korea has been increasing manpower and education to monitor exports of strategic goods.

In February, South Korea said prosecutors were investigating a company accused of selling nine balancing machines to Libya between February 1999 and June 2002 without proper clearance.

The machines can be used to balance centrifuges, a key tool in enriching uranium to make atomic bombs.

Other hostages identify captors in court

Malaysians recall 2000 ordeal in which Abu Sayyaf collected on ransom

BY TERESA CERIOJANO

The Associated Press

MANILA, Philippines — Two former Malaysian hostages identified five of their captors in a Manila court Friday, and said the brutal Abu Sayyaf Muslim extremist group demanded ransom for their freedom, prosecutors said.

Diving instructor Ken Fong identified Abu Sayyaf leader Galib Andang, alias Commander Row 2005, as one of the first people who entered a resort cafeteria on

Malaysia's Sipadan island, where Fong and 20 other hostages were rounded up at gunpoint in April 2000.

Fong testified that Andang and a group of Abu Sayyaf rebels in police uniforms barged in as resort guests ate dinner, prosecutor Leo Dacera said.

The rebels took valuables from the 10 Western tourists and 11 Asian workers, and herded them onto two waiting motorbikes that took them to the southern Philippines' Jolo island, said Fong, who was held 119 days.

Andang denied involvement in the kidnapping, saying he and others on trial were falsely accused. "Why should I be repentant? I did not do those things," he told reporters.

Malaysian police officer Abdul Jawad Sulawati, who fought for more than 80 days, identified Andang and four others including senior Abu Sayyaf leader Nizamie Sabhatul, alias Commander Glorbal, Dacera said.

Fong testified that the hostages were told they would be freed when ransom was paid and that Jolo residents seemed to ben-

efit as the hostages were gradually released, Dacera said.

"Every time foreign nationals are released, the Europeans, they noticed that the village where they are hiding becomes a hot spot," Dacera quoted Fong as saying.

Villagers would suddenly have new refrigerators or motorbikes, and would have parties and fire their guns, he said.

The hostages were freed in batches after payment of ransom, reportedly financed by Libya.

Philippine officials have charged more than 50 people, in-

cluding at least 20 who have since been detained, over the hostage-taking.

Abu Sayyaf, labeled a terrorist group by Washington, also stormed an upscale western Philippine resort in May 2001, seizing U.S. missionary Martin and Gracia Burnham, American tourist Guillermo Sobero and 17 Filipino workers and tourists.

Sobero and two Filipino workers were beheaded and the others were ransomed off, released or escaped. Gracia Burnham was wounded in a commando rescue in June 2002, but her husband and a Filipino nurse were killed.

Paesinian conflict in fifth year, no end in sight

BY STEVEN GUTKIN

The Associated Press

JERUSALEM — As the Palestinian intifada enters its fifth year of suicide bombings and impoverishment under an unyielding occupation, Israel has clearly gained the upper hand. It has plunged the Palestinian leadership into disarray, with Yasser Arafat under permanent Israeli siege as well as unprecedented attack from within his own ranks.

But the Palestinians have scored gains too: The bloody conflict has rallied Arab public opinion as never before, and resonates among Islamic fighters the world over.

By 2005 is shaping up as a year of historic change for Israel's 6.75 million citizens and the 3.6 million Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. By then Israel's West Bank separation barrier should be nearing completion, along with Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's plan to withdraw from Gaza and part of the West Bank.

It amounts to no less than a redrawing of the political and geographical boundaries of the Mideast conflict.



Palestinian men carry two badly wounded children moments after an Israeli missile strike on a demonstration in the Rafah refugee camp in the southern Gaza Strip in May killed 10 people and wounded dozens. As the Palestinian intifada enters its fifth year of Israeli army operations, Palestinian militants' suicide bombings and impoverishment under an unyielding Israeli occupation, Israelis and Palestinians are as far as ever from ending the conflict that killed more than 3,100 on the Palestinian side and nearly 1,000 on the Israeli side.

Israelis and Palestinians are as far as ever from ending the struggle that has killed more than 3,100 on the Palestinian side and nearly 1,000 on the Israeli side since September 2000, when violence erupted the Oslo peace accords of the 1990s.

Today, the battles are as much internal as Arab-Israeli — between Arafat and critics of his corruption-tainted 10-year rule, and between Sharon and the hard-liners in his Likud Party who bitterly oppose his plan for "hitnatkut" (disengagement) from the Palestinians.

The big unanswered question is

whether 76-year-old Sharon's plan is the start of a true partition of historic Palestine between Arab and Jew, or a ploy to get rid of the bits he doesn't need, while consolidating Israel's control of the parts he cherishes.

Most likely it is both. On the Israeli side, many make the barrier of walls and fences as a tacit admission that the dream of fusing Israel and the West Bank into one seamless Jewish Promised Land cannot be achieved.

Israel says it's on the front line of the international war on terror. Israel's critics say its actions have doomed President Bush's Mideast peacemaking ambitions. Each side is blamed by the other.

Aid official: N. Korea seeks economic help

BY JOE MCDONALD

The Associated Press

BEIJING — Long dependent on foreign food aid, North Korea is now asking for more help to revive its ailing economy, ranging from assistance in training workers to teachers for deaf children, an aid official said Friday.

North Korea officials made the request at a meeting this month with U.N. officials and private aid groups, said Kathi Zellweger of the Roman Catholic charity Caritas.

The government "still is welcoming humanitarian aid, too, but in addition they also would like to receive technical assistance and development cooperation," said Zellweger, who returned Thursday.

The North wants help to rebuild infrastructure, train workers and develop its economy, as well as such things as teachers for deaf children, Zellweger said.

The appeal comes as China tries to arrange a third round of six-nation talks on Washington's demand for Pyongyang to give up its nuclear ambitions. The talks also include South Korea, Japan and Russia.

Despite the nuclear tensions, the United States and South Korea have been among the North's biggest food donors.

The North's isolated Stalinist dictatorship began modest economic reforms in 2002, allowing small free markets for farmers to sell rice and other food items. But most of the population still depends on governments to survive. North Korea has depended on foreign aid to feed its people since disclosing in the mid-1990s that its state farming system had collapsed following decades of mismanagement and the loss of Soviet subsidies.

In addition to farming, the government is struggling to revive health and education systems.

Zellweger said that during her most recent trip, she was given an unusual chance to visit a school for deaf children that would be a target of future aid.

For nearly a decade, the North has been receiving vast amounts of food aid," she said. "And by now the government has realized that food aid is not a healthy way of moving forward."

Prosecutors expect to charge Bashir

JAKARTA, Indonesia — Prosecutors said Friday they will file error-related charges against the cleric accused of heading the group behind the Bali bombings, in a case seen as a test of Indonesia's willingness to go after militants.

Abu Bakar Bashir is to be charged with ordering the Aug. 5, 2003, suicide bombing of Jakarta's J.W. Marriott hotel, an official said Friday. Twelve people died in the attack, which was blamed on the Jemaah Islamiyah terror network.

Authorities have dropped plans to charge Bashir in connection with the Oct. 12, 2002, Bali attacks, after the country's top court ruled earlier this year that the retroactive application of an anti-terror law — used to convict most of the Bali bombers — was unconstitutional.

The Bali attacks, also blamed on Jemaah Islamiyah, killed 202 people, mostly foreigners.

Bashir also will be charged with heading Jemaah Islamiyah when his case is filed "next Wednesday or Thursday" to the South Jakarta District Court, said Attorney General's Office spokesman Kemas Yahya Rahman.

Rahman said prosecutors would also link the 67-year-old cleric to a large cache of weapons and explosives seized from a bomb-making factory in Central Java in July 2003. Four militants were arrested in the raid.

Bashir has denied any involvement in terrorism, and has claimed that his arrest was a result of pressure from the United States. He was in prison at the time of Marriott blast.

Mount Asama erupts second straight day

TOKYO — Mount Asama volcano erupted for the second straight day Friday, while a toll running below it was closed to clear away molten rock and ash, officials said.

The eruption in central Japan was described as small-scale. It followed a medium-sized eruption on Thursday — Asama's first in five days.

The volcano, about 90 miles west of Tokyo, is one of Japan's most active and has spewed black smoke and ash repeatedly in the past month.

A toll highway crossing through the mountain's slopes was partially shut down Friday as officials removed molten

rock and ash from Thursday's eruption, said Hiroshi Yasuno, a neighboring Gunma prefectural government spokesman.

It was the second time the 5-mile highway has been closed since Sept. 1, when Mount Asama had its biggest eruption in 21 years, Yasuno said.

Briton, Japanese arrested in Ecstasy haul

TOKYO — A Briton and a Japanese man have been arrested for allegedly trying to smuggle 600 Ecstasy tablets into Japan, an official said Friday.

The pills, worth an estimated street value of \$2.7 million, were hidden in a table brought by ship from the Netherlands, an official from a customs office near Osaka said on condition of anonymity.

The two men's identities cannot be disclosed due to pending investigations, he said, adding that authorities suspect the involvement of a major drug trafficking ring with members still at large.

From The Associated Press

IN THE STATES

Ivan soaks Gulf Coast on second pass

Hurricane Jeanne could make landfall Sunday on storm-weary Florida

BY MARK BABINECK
The Associated Press

HOUSTON — Ivan's second foray into the United States came with little wind but plenty of the rain, while Floridians braced for another possible pounding as Hurricane Jeanne appeared to be gearing up for a weekend landing.

After looping into the Atlantic and back into the Gulf of Mexico after its initial strike on the Alabama-Florida coast as a hurricane last week, Tropical Storm Ivan washed ashore near the Texas-Louisiana line Thursday night, bringing heavy rain to

both sides of the border.

While the storm was expected to dissipate as it drifts into Texas this weekend, its rains are expected to persist and cause problems, and flood-prone Houston is in its projected path.

"Friday night through Saturday morning, if you run a line through Galveston, Houston and College Station, that area probably is really going to get pounded," said National Weather Service meteorologist Kent Prochazka.

Jefferson County received between 3 and 3.5 inches of rain over four hours, but no flooding problems were immediately re-

ported.

Louisiana was also spared any major problems.

"It's just kind of like a cold front," Cameron Parish Emergency Preparedness Director Freddie Richer Jr. said late Thursday. "We're just getting some rain and a little bit of wind."

Florida residents also had that oh-no-not-again feeling as 105-mph Hurricane Jeanne appeared to be zeroing in this weekend for what would be the state's fourth thrashing this season.

Jeanne already has been blamed for 1,070 flooding deaths in Haiti. At 8 a.m.

EDT, Jeanne was about 315 miles east of Great Abaco Island in the northwestern Bahamas. It was expected to reach Florida by Sunday, according to the National Hurricane Center in Miami. Some projections showed the storm hitting central Florida and then moving up the coast to North Carolina by Tuesday.

The National Hurricane Center issued a hurricane watch Friday morning for portions of the Florida East coast.

"It's time for Floridians to seriously pay attention," said Eric Blake, a meteorologist at the hurricane center.



President Bush poses for a photo for a soldier on board a plane headed for Kuwait, and ultimately Iraq, at the airport in Bangor, Maine, on Thursday. Bush had already boarded Air Force One but declined so that he could greet the troops during their plane's refueling stop in Bangor. The troops were from the 414th Transportation Battalion in South Carolina, the 30th Air Support Group in North Carolina, and the 230th Area Support Group in Tennessee. Bush was in Bangor to attend a campaign rally.

Bush bids goodbye to soldiers bound for Iraq

The Associated Press

BANGOR, Maine — President Bush delayed his takeoff from the airport Thursday to visit with nearly 300 soldiers whose charter plane stopped to refuel en route to Iraq.

Bush walked through the airplane shaking hands, signing autographs and chatting with the soldiers, who were from two National Guard units and a reserve unit in North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee.

"I appreciate being president to such fine men and women. God bless you all. God keep you safe," Bush said over the plane's public address system shortly before he departed.

"I'm stunned. I'm overjoyed," said Sgt. Rebecca Throckmorton, of Springfield, Ohio.

She picked up her cell phone and told her mother the president was aboard.

White House chief of staff Andy Card said Bush wanted to meet the soldiers on the aircraft, which had been scheduled to arrive for refueling shortly after Air Force One was to depart.

"We got them to push the gas pedal a little bit," Card said. The plane landed and parked about 100 yards behind Air Force One.

Packed nearly full with 292 soldiers, the plane had departed from Fort Bragg, N.C.

Bush was in Bangor to address an airport rally with supporters.

CDC: Many Americans in need of flu shot don't bother to get it

BY LAURAN NEERGAARD
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Of the Americans who most need a flu shot, fewer than half actually get one, federal health officials warned Thursday as they called for special attention to babies, toddlers and the elderly as vaccinations begin next month.

A record 100 million doses of flu vaccine will be available this year, the vast majority of it shipped to doctors' offices by the end of October, said Dr. Keiji Fukuda of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

That assurance comes a month after a major supplier, Chiron Corp., delayed its shipments because a small amount of vaccine failed sterility testing, suggesting contamination. That was "a precautionary move," and close monitoring so far suggests the rest of Chiron's supply is fine, Fukuda said.

There's no way to predict how harsh flu will be this winter or how soon it will strike. But every year, it kills about 36,000 Americans and hospitalizes another 200,000.

KBR restructuring

HOUSTON — Halliburton Co. is restructuring its troubled engineering and construction subsidiary, and company officials say they would consider selling or spinning it off.

"We are looking for improvement in the near term. This is not something we can let go on and on and on. It is something that is frustrating for our shareholders."

Halliburton is in the process of settling 400,000 asbestos and 21,000 silica claims as part of a \$4.2 billion plan.

Halliburton inherited most of the claims five years ago when the conglomerate, then under the leadership of Vice President Dick Cheney, acquired Dresser Industries Inc. for \$7.7 billion.

Gaut said Thursday that the company and the lawyers for the plaintiffs who brought the asbestos and silica claims are eager to move on.

Goss sworn in as CIA chief

WASHINGTON — Porter Goss was sworn in Friday to head the CIA and lead an intelligence community that has faced intense criticism for faulty information and failing to share good information it did gather — before the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks and the war in Iraq.

Yet too many people don't bother to get flu shots, even those at highest risk of influenza-caused complications. Flu vaccine is most recommended for:

- Babies and toddlers 6 months to 23 months old. In 2002, the first year CDC began encouraging shots for these youngsters, just 4.4 percent were fully vaccinated.

- Any child 6 months or older with chronic health problems such as asthma or diabetes that leave them more vulnerable to influenza complications. Anyone 50 or older. Of particular concern are those over 64.

- Any adult with chronic health conditions, such as heart or lung disease.

- Pregnant women.

- Anyone who lives with or cares for someone at high risk of flu complications.

- Health care workers.

Flu shots generally cost \$15 to \$20. They're covered by Medicare, Medicaid and most insurance. Made with killed influenza virus, they cannot cause the flu.

Goss, 65, has said his priorities will be improving the agency's network of people able to recruit spies and gain information — so-called human intelligence versus high-tech information gleaned by satellites.

In addition to serving as CIA director, Goss will assume the role as head of a loose confederation of 14 other agencies that make up the U.S. intelligence community.

Middle-class tax breaks extended

WASHINGTON — With lapseded margins in both houses, Congress gave President Bush his fourth tax cut in four years, extending three popular middle-class tax breaks and reviving some expired business tax incentives just six weeks before the election.

Many Democrats complained during the debate Thursday that majority Republicans who control Congress should have offset the lost revenue to keep the nation's soaring deficits from getting worse.

But in the end large numbers of Democrats, including presidential nominees John Kerry, supported the package, something that Republican tax-cut proponents had counted on occurring with the election only 40 days away.

The \$145.9 billion approved in the House by a 339-65 vote, with 125 Democrats joining 213 Republicans and one independent in voting for the proposal. In the Senate, the measure passed by a 92-3 vote.

From The Associated Press

Japanese-Americans revisit WWII past

Former camp detainees gather to recall long-neglected legacy

BY MELISSA NELSON
The Associated Press

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Colorful paintings created by children 60 years ago to depict life in Arkansas' World War II Japanese-American internment camps welcomed hundreds of former camp detainees and their families to Little Rock Thursday for the start of a four-day conference devoted to the long-neglected history of the camps.

Returning to Arkansas six decades after the war was an emotional experience for some and an educational experience for others.

For Marian Takagi of Honolulu, it was a chance to share with her daughter the journey her family was forced to take from Hawaii to southeast Arkansas after the bombing of Pearl Harbor.

The night of Dec. 7, 1941, Takagi watched as her father, a sugarcane plantation worker, was arrested at the family's Hawaii home and led away to a detention center. A year later, Takagi, her mother and six siblings were forced to leave the islands by a boat bound for California and then put on a train that took them to an internment camp in Arkansas.

It was Takagi's first time in the mainland United States.

"We were told our father was at Jerome, Arkansas, and we had 48 hours to join him," she said Thursday, standing in the University of Arkansas at Little Rock gallery where the artwork done by children at the camps and depicting everything from their arrival in Arkansas by train to basketball games and dances was displayed.

Takagi's sister, also from Hawaii, her daughter from California and another relative from Japan all traveled to Arkansas to attend the Life Interrupted National Conference. They are among the more than 1,300 camp survivors, family members, historians and others who have registered for the event, which was sponsored by the Little

Rock-based Winthrop Rockefeller Foundation, the University of Arkansas at Little Rock and the Japanese-American National Museum.

More than 120,000 Japanese-Americans were sent from the West Coast and Hawaii to 10 internment camps at the onset of the World War II. Eight camps were in the West; the Arkansas sites were the only ones in the South. Between 1942 and 1945, the two southeast Arkansas camps at Jerome and Rohwer held 16,000 detainees.

While the camps in the West have long been the subject of books, documentaries and historical preservation efforts, the Arkansas conference marks the first time a large-scale effort has been made to tell the story of the Jerome and Rohwer camps.

Lt. Gov. Win Rockefeller said the project is something his late father, former Arkansas Gov. Winthrop Rockefeller, would have enjoyed. The foundation created in his father's memory funded the conference, related exhibits and curriculum materials about the history of the camps that will be distributed to schools throughout the state.

"This represents a tremendous closure, a bringing together of Japanese-Americans who were interned here in Arkansas as unwilling participants in history," Rockefeller said as he toured the exhibit, greeted visitors and listened to their stories.

Because his father fought in the Pacific Theater of World War II, Rockefeller said his family also has a connection to the history.

"I think this is something that would be special to him, to see people come together who were divided by history," he said.

The idea for the conference and the exhibits came when a board member of the Winthrop Rockefeller Foundation sent foundation director Sybil Jordan Hampton a note card decorated with reproductions of drawings done by children in the Arkansas camps.



John Yamada, president of Asian American Together, right, and Jane Sugawara look at a copy of the 1944 yearbook from the high school that was located at the Rohwer, Ark., World War II Japanese-American internment camp, Thursday, at a University of Arkansas-Little Rock gallery. Both lived at the camp as children.

"In May of 2000 we went to the Japanese American National Museum and said that we need to tell this story and complete the cycle of the camps by adding the Arkansas piece," Hampton said. "We had no idea that this would be the right time in history for the project."

Treatment of Arab-Americans in the aftermath of Sept. 11 added a level of relevance to the 60-year-old history, she said.

Cronkite: CBS lost face with report

The Associated Press

BOSTON — Former CBS anchorman Walter Cronkite called the network's report questioning President Bush's Vietnam-era National Guard service "embarrassing" but urged patience until an investigation is complete.

"We must wait while CBS management conduct the investigation they have promised. We can then decide what our reaction should be," said Cronkite, 87, in Boston on Thursday night to receive an award.

"The reaction at the moment, of course, is embarrassment for everyone who is connected to CBS, and that embarrassment, I hope, will be squashed in time as we know what happened," he said.

Cronkite's successor, Dan Rather apologized Monday for relying on questionable documents to support the Sept. 8 "60 Minutes" story.

The CBS report cited documents purported to be from one of Bush's commanders in the Texas Air National Guard. The documents say the commander, Lt. Col. Jerry Killian, ordered Bush to take a medical exam, which he did not, and felt pressured to sign off on an evaluation of then 1st Lt. Bush.

The network appointed Dick Thornburgh, attorney general in the Reagan and first Bush administrations and former Pennsylvania governor, and Louis D. Boccardi, who retired last year as president and chief executive officer of The Associated Press, to conduct an investigation into the report.

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Bush solidifies support among male voters

Despite poll, close race predicted

BY WILL LESTER

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush solidified his advantage among men during the last month and holds his highest ratings since January on job performance, the economy and Iraq, according to an Associated Press poll.

Bush has a 7-point lead over his Democratic challenger, Senator John Kerry — 52 percent to 45 percent among likely voters — in the AP Ipsos survey less than six weeks before the Nov. 2 presidential election. Independent candidate Ralph Nader was backed by 1 percent.

The president held the advantage despite increasing violence in Iraq and a wave of attacks on his Iraq policy by an increasingly combative Kerry.

"We took a lead after our convention and the lead has held," said Matthew Dowd, a senior Bush campaign strategist. Bush has a slight lead in some polls, and is running even in others.

Since the Republican convention, Bush's job approval is up, 54 percent among likely voters, and just over half of them approve of his handling of the economy and Iraq. His approval in all three areas is as high as it's been all year in the polling conducted for the AP by Ipsos-Public Affairs.

Dowd wasn't assuming a Bush

On the issues



How will Americans know when the war on terrorism is won?

President Bush



"It is unlike any conventional war we have fought in the past. It will not end with a peace treaty or

by the capture of a city or the fall of a single regime. It will be won through the steady advance of freedom, hope, and opportunity."

Sen. John Kerry



"The global war on terrorism will be finally won when terrorists no longer have global reach and terrorist organizations are unable to inflict

catastrophic attacks. That will happen when we cut off their financing, their sanctuaries, their recruiting capabilities and their access to weapons of mass destruction."

AP

advantage would hold up through the election, however.

"The way we're approaching this, it will be a very close election," he said, adding that turning out Republican voters will be crucial.

The Kerry campaign focused its message in recent days on growing problems in Iraq as Bush has talked about making steady progress there.

"If you look at all the recent polls, this race is headed back to even," said Mark Mellman, a Kerry campaign pollster. He said Kerry still has time to "make the case" with voters. "What happens in the next 40 days will be vastly more important than anything that's hap-

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Mark Mellman

Kerry campaign pollster

his campaign, the AP-Ipsos poll suggested.

Bush holds a 17-point lead among men. And Bush and Kerry are tied among women, a traditionally Democratic group that now favors Bush on protecting the country.

People are about evenly divided on Bush's handling of Iraq — not that strong a rating, but better than in June when just over four in 10 approved, according to AP polling.

The poll of 931 likely voters was taken Sept. 20-22 and has a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3 percentage points, larger for subgroups.

Kerry: Bush's pursuit of Saddam allowed bin Laden to stay free

BY MARY DALRYMPLE

The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry faulted President Bush on Friday for pursuing Saddam Hussein instead of Sept. 11 mastermind Osama bin Laden, a part of a Bush strategy he contended had made defeating terrorism more difficult.

"The invasion of Iraq was a profound diversion from the battle against our greatest enemy, al-Qaida," Kerry said in a speech at Temple University. "There's just no question about it. The president's misjudgment, miscalculation and mismanagement of the war in Iraq all make the war on terror harder to win."

Kerry, in offering a detailed strategy to contain terrorism and to draw a sharp distinction between his and the president's views on national security, added, "Iraq is now what it was not before the war, a haven for terrorists."

While campaigning Friday in Lafayette, Louisiana, Vice President Dick Cheney told supporters, "John Kerry is trying to tear down and trash all the good that has been accomplished."

A day earlier, Kerry told The Columbus Dispatch that the president's actions in Iraq and elsewhere show Bush masquerading as a mainstream conservative while pursuing extremist policies.

"I don't view these people as conservatives," Kerry said. "I actually view them as extreme, and I think their policies have been extreme, and that extends all the way to Iraq, where this

president, in my judgment, diverted the real war on terror — which was Osama bin Laden and al-Qaida — and almost obsessively moved to deal with Iraq in a way that weakened our nation, overextended our armed forces, cost us \$200 billion and created a breach in our oldest alliances."

Kerry also mentioned a blurring line between the separation of church and state and the growth of federal budget deficits.

To douse the spread of terrorism, Kerry proposed policies aimed at denying individuals and groups the ability to organize and attack. Kerry said he would build a better military and intelligence apparatus to go after enemies, deny terrorists weapons and financing, move against worldwide terrorist havens and recruitment centers, and promote freedom and democracy in Muslim nations.

The Bush-Cheney campaign said the president already is following that course. "He is copying the president's plan at the same time he is attacking the president," said spokesman Steve Schmidt.

Kerry repeatedly has argued that the war in Iraq has distracted attention and resources from the pursuit of terrorists, including bin Laden.

The Bush-Cheney campaign said Kerry has held conflicting positions on that point. They point to instances where Kerry said the former Iraq leader acted like a terrorist and said that the war on terrorism should be seen as an operation bigger than the conflict in Afghanistan.

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Once welcomed, archbishop now sees good will evaporate

BY DENISE LAVOIE

The Associated Press

BOSTON — Charged with cleaning up the mess of the clergy sex abuse scandal, Boston Archbishop Sean O'Malley took a low-key approach. He asked to be called "Archbishop Sean" and shunned many of the trappings that go with his rank, quickly winning over many parishioners.

A little over a year later, things have changed. Whether it's deserved or not, some Boston-area Roman Catholics now are calling O'Malley "The Iceman" as he pushes ahead with plans to close almost a quarter of the parishes in the nation's fourth-largest archdiocese.

O'Malley announced the 82 church closings in May, after months of trying to prepare parishioners for the need to downsize. The closings were necessary, he said, because of a long, steady decline in Mass attendance, a shortage of priests and deteriorating church buildings that would cost more than \$100 million to repair.

He admitted the clergy sex abuse crisis had exacerbated the problems, but insisted the church

was not being closed to raise money for a \$90 million settlement of more than 500 sex abuse lawsuits.

"I am profoundly aware of the emotion the announcement of the closing of a parish evokes," O'Malley said at the time. "I wish there was some way that all of these wonderful houses of life and prayer could remain open and alive and full. But there is not."

Ever since the list of parishes was released, O'Malley has been bombarded with criticism.

Some say he picked churches with pastors who were considered rebellious, or those with active chapters of the lay reform group Voice of the Faithful. Others accused him of picking churches in wealthy suburbs, where high real estate values would bring a good price for church property.

Sean O'Malley
Boston archbishop

Parishioners launched petition drives, letter-writing campaigns and demonstrations to try and change O'Malley's mind.

Last month, parishioners at St. Albert the Great in Weymouth refused to leave after the final Mass was celebrated at the 54-year-old parish. Since then, they've staged a sit-in, working in shifts to make sure people are there at all times.

Parishioners at St. Anselm's in Sudbury followed with a similar occupation and at least three other churches are considering doing the same.

The sit-ins have put O'Malley in the difficult position of either waiting out the parishioners or forcing a confrontation.

O'Malley declined to be interviewed but his spokesman, the Rev. Christopher Coyne, said the archdiocese does not intend to forcibly evict any of the parishioners and is hoping to settle the disputes through mediation.

When O'Malley first arrived in Boston in the summer of 2003, he was praised for his down-to-earth style — in contrast to his predecessor, Cardinal Bernard Law, who was criticized for being aloof.

A Capuchin Franciscan friar who wears the order's simple brown robe, O'Malley shunned the opulent mansion where Law lived and moved instead to an apartment behind the Cathedral of the Holy Cross in Boston's South End.

He quickly settled a huge load of sex abuse lawsuits, hoping to move the archdiocese beyond the worst episode in its history. He won near-unanimous praise from parishioners, priests and victims of clergy abuse.

But O'Malley's refusal to budge on the church closings has infuriated those same people.

"I see someone who has difficulty being responsive to the needs of the parishioners," said Mary Akoury, a parishioner at St. Albert's. "He's gone about this the same way his predecessor went about things."

"I wish there was some way that all of these wonderful houses of life and prayer could remain open and alive and full. But there is not."



Archbishop Sean O'Malley, brought to Boston to clean up the clergy sex abuse scandal, is pushing ahead with plans to close almost a quarter of the parishes in the archdiocese, against the wishes of many parishioners.

SCC embarks on 'All Things New'

By BRIAN BOWERS

Stars and Stripes

With 13 CDs on the shelf, it might be hard to imagine what new ground Steven Curtis Chapman could cover in his 14th.

However, "All Things New" lives up to its name. Sure, several of the songs are traditional SCC but many offer a feeling of experimentation and growth that makes this CD something truly new.

The title track, "Only Getting Started" and "Please Only You" are excellent pop tunes and likely to receive a lot of airplay. However, the slower songs give the CD much of its beauty and depth.

It's a musically diverse disc that flows from ballads to pop tunes to rock anthems and back with a surprising grace. It takes you on a journey that rolls up and down but always delivers an overriding sense of joy, awe and anticipation.

The disc was released last week, with its debut linked to a concert Tuesday at Fort Campbell, Ky., home of the 101st Airborne Division. The division is gearing up to deploy to Iraq.

"It was rockin'," said Cathy Gramling of the Fort Campbell public affairs office.

"You had people dancing and people clapping their hands," Gramling said.

"They really appreciated it."

In a press release, Chapman said, "I hope this day and concert encourages them and can in some small way express

my sincere thanks for all they are doing and the sacrifices they are making in the service of our country."

The new CD opens with "All Things New." After an acoustic intro that joyfully retells the creation story, the tempo builds as the lyrics describe God's continuing action in the world and anticipates Jesus' return to make everything new —

common theme on the disc.

Things then slow down a bit with "Much of You," an acoustic praise ballad. But they pick up again with "Only Getting Started," a fun account of being overwhelmed by God's gifts. The chorus says it all: "Hey kid, you ain't seen nothin' yet! I'm only getting started." It's an enthusiastic piece introduced by twangy guitarwork and propelled by scratches and electronic flourishes. It's certainly something new.

The tempo slows again for the next two tracks: "Last Day on Earth," which ponders mortality and serves as a call to live life fully, and "What Now," which describes how we are called to help the needy. The second song evokes images of Chapman's own experience with adopting two daughters from China when he sings, "I saw the face of Jesus in a little orphan girl."

"Please Only You" has traditional SCC written all over it. It's an enjoyable pop tune that says, "Let everything I say and everything I do, please, please only You."

Crank up the volume for the next track.

"Coming Attractions" soars to a new level as it anticipates Jesus' return and proclaims, "Until that day comes, let your kingdom come in me, let your will be done in me." It's a prayerful but very powerful rock song that washes over the listener in waves and provokes thought.

The next track, "Big Story," is a bouncy throwback to the '60s. It invites the listener to "come and take your place in the story" being written in heaven.

With "Believe Me Now," the tempo slides back a few notches. The haunting, awe-filled look at God's power and love also contains the rich baritone vocals of Mac Powell of Third Day.

Chapman then turns to the piano to round out the disc with intimate thoughts about the beauty of heaven in "Angels Wish," trusting God in "I Believe In You," and acting out your faith in "Treasure of Jesus."

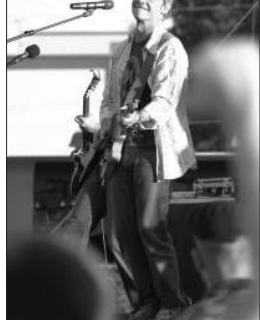
About a week ago, Chapman was nominated for an American Music Award as "Favorite Contemporary Inspirational Artist" — a title that he won last year. With "All Things New," those nominations are likely to keep rolling in.

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KELLY PATRICE PATE/Fort Campbell Courier

Steven Curtis Chapman performs for an enthusiastic crowd on Tuesday. The concert, held at Fort Campbell, Ky., home of the 101st Airborne Division, marked the release of Chapman's latest CD, "All Things New."

New dinosaur fossil found by Chinese

BY RANDOLPH E. SCHMID

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A newly discovered fossil may be the remains of one of the first stalk hunters, a swimming dinosaur that could use its long neck to sneak up on prey and strike without warning.

Once a resident of a shallow sea in what is now southeast China, the newly found reptile with fangs would have hunted in murky waters, its small head extending far from the bulky body that fish would have recognized as a predator.

"The long neck would allow it to approach prey without the whole body becoming visible," said Olivier Rieppel of the Field Museum in Chicago, a co-author of the report.

The new fossil was discovered by Chun Li of the Chinese Academy of Sciences in 2002. The creature is described by Li and colleagues in this week's issue of the Journal of Science.

Li named the new dinosaur, which lived about 230 million years ago, *Dinoplocaulus orientalis*, meaning terrible headed lizard from the Orient.

With a body about 3 feet long and a neck added 5½ feet — the newly named creature is related to Tanytropheus, another long-necked reptile that lived in the area of Europe and the Middle East.

But the researchers said the new dinosaur had 25 neck vertebrae, more than twice that of Tanytropheus, and in *Dinoplocaulus* they were not as elongated. It had rib-like bones parallel to the vertebrae.

But the members of a diverse reptile group called the protorosaurs, which have long necks and elongated neck vertebrae.

For years scientists have wondered at the purpose for the long necks in this group of animals.

"This is important research because we have finally explained the functional purpose of this strange, long neck,"

said Rieppel, head of geology and curator of fossil amphibians and reptiles at the Field Museum.

As *Dinoplocaulus* approached in murky water, its prey would have been aware only of the relatively small head, not the full-size profile of a predator.

Michael LaBarbera of the University of Chicago, a co-author of the report, said the rib-like bones along the side of the neck may also have played a role in hunting.

Those bones give the neck some stiffness, Rieppel explained. It could flex, but not like a snake.

According to LaBarbera, contraction of the creature's neck muscles could have rapidly straightened the neck and played the neck ribs outward.

That would have greatly increased the volume of the throat, allowing the animal to lunge forward in the water at prey.

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Hurricane data may improve building designs

BY MATT CRENSON

The Associated Press

GULF BREEZE, Fla. — When a hurricane makes landfall in the continental United States, civil engineer Dave Prevatt and his colleagues in the Florida Coastal Monitoring Program are out evaluating which construction methods best protect homes from the tremendous wind forces the storms deliver.

The program is sponsored by the Florida Department of Community Development and staffed by scientists from Clemson University, the University of Florida, Florida International University and the Institute for Business and Home Safety, an insurance industry research center in Tampa.

"If we can define the wind forces, then as engineers we will be able to design something that will withstand these forces," says Tim Reinhold, vice president of engineering at the Institute for Business and Home Safety.

Established after Hurricane Andrew socked South Florida in 1992 with an estimated \$26 billion in damages, the program sets up portable weather towers to measure winds along coastlines where hurricanes are poised to make ashore.

When Hurricane Ivan's outermost fringes clustered into Mobile, Ala., last week, four researchers put up a 6,000-pound portable weather tower along the city's industrial waterfront. When fully extended, the 33-foot tower can measure wind motions in much greater detail than standard meteorological instruments, explained Kurt Gurley, a professor of civil engineering at the University of Florida.

When meteorologists talk about a storm's maximum wind speeds, they cite readings of the air's horizontal flow taken in a single location at one-minute intervals. But in a hurri-



Tom Nebel looks at the damage inside his home caused by Hurricane Ivan as his neighbor, Joan Williams, watches Sept. 19 in Navarre Beach, Fla.

cane, the most damaging winds are gusts that last a few seconds or less. They don't come in a smooth horizontal flow, but in localized updrafts, downdrafts or swirling eddies that might demolish one house without touching the one next door.

To capture all that chaotic motion, the engineers mount two sets of gauges on their towers at heights of 16 and 33 feet that measure wind speed and direction in all three dimensions. Three of the program's four portable weather stations also have two smaller towers that are set 50 and 100 feet from the main one in order to determine how much territory sudden gusts cover.

The monitoring program also wired up more than 30 homes along Florida's coast so

they can be quickly outfitted with rooftop pressure sensors that measure the forces exerted on the buildings during the storm. For Ivan, the program's engineers mounted pressure sensors on 10 homes along the Gulf Coast from Seaside, Fla., to the Alabama line.

This year is by far the busiest hurricane season in the Florida Coastal Monitoring Program's seven-year history. In past years the engineers have been lucky to see one hurricane-strength storm hit the U.S. mainland, but so far in 2004 there have been three.

First Charley, a compact 145-mph whirlwind, hit Florida's west coast communities of Punta Gorda and Port Charlotte with enough force to damage 12,000 homes. After

that storm, the researchers were relieved to see that homes constructed since Florida's most recent building code revision suffered little or no damage. The 2001 code requires nailing instead of stapling roof shingles, reinforced connections between a home's roof and walls, and features such as hurricane shutters or shutter-proof windows to defend against flying debris.

"The new Florida building codes have really helped increase the safety and decrease the amount of damage overall," says Jason Smart, a project engineer with the Institute for Business and Home Safety. After Charley, he adds, "we saw a lot of failures of old structures — and a lot of I mean 15 years — that wouldn't have failed if they'd used nails" to attach the shingles.

All of this season's information — the damage surveys, the rooftop pressure readings and the detailed meteorological observations — will prove useful in a number of ways, Prevatt says.

It will help improve the accuracy of equations that engineers use to calculate how the forces exerted on a house grow as wind speeds increase. Right now those calculations assume smooth air flow without accounting for the turbulence of hurricane winds.

The data can also be used to improve wind tunnel tests, said Prevatt. At his Clemson laboratory, he is trying to build models of entire neighborhoods to see how the distance between houses and other factors influence wind damage. The real-world information he's collecting in Florida will help improve the accuracy of those tests.

This research will also help engineers find the most cost-effective ways to prevent homes from failing during a hurricane. If they find, for example, that lost shingles are the main cause of damage, there's no point in spending thousands of dollars making a house's walls stiffer.

Salvage operation resolving shipwreck's mystery bit by bit

BY JASON SKOG

The Virginian-Pilot

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. — The big crane scooped out a soggy helping of muck from the bottom of

Lynnhaven Inlet, then dumped it onto a barge.

It looked like a typical dredging operation Wednesday morning, but the goal was to raise the remains of a mysterious shipwreck,

perhaps 250 years old.

By Thursday morning, gunky debris took up one-third of the 100-foot barge. The mystery was slowly revealing itself.

Keith B. Lockwood scrambled

over the piles, happily pulling out artifacts. "Now we're looking down on top of it," he said, grinning after flipping over a 150-pound section of the keel. "That's pretty cool."

Lockwood is an environmental scientist with the Army Corps of Engineers, which is leading the recovery mission.

The operation is as much about creating a safe passage through Lynnhaven Inlet as it is about uncovering the past. Last year, Hurricane Isabel exposed the wreck, putting it in the path of passing boats. Once the wreck is removed, the Corps will straighten the channel.

Because the wreck already is in small pieces, the operation is more concerned with recovery and discovery than preservation. It is basically a forensic exploration, akin to an episode of "CSI" on water.

David Whall is one of the lead detectives on the case. As a marine archaeologist with Tidewater Atlantic Research Inc. of Washington, N.C., he dived on the wreck last summer and helped map it.

On Thursday, he spotted pieces he remembered seeing on the inlet's floor. "It's easier to see the details when it's on the surface," he said. "But it's not together anymore, so it's a jigsaw puzzle."

The crane released another load.

"There's a section of the keel," Whall said. "So he's all the way to the bottom."

Whall kept digging down with a roll of bright, orange plastic ribbon and tied it around a timber. Later, he grabbed a hunk of wood he had

spotted 15 feet away and dragged one piece to the other.

"The puzzle sort of fits together," he said, lifting the smaller piece and dropping it into a notch in the larger one.

"Like that."

If enough pieces fit together, the Corps hopes to determine the name, age and origin of the vessel, how it was used and how it went down.

For now, they suspect the ship was either a sloop or schooner built in the late 1700s or early 1800s. It might have been a merchant ship, sailing goods along the coast, or a lightskip that guided mariners. Perhaps it was a casual-use of the inlet — a Navy gunboat or an armed privateer licensed to raid British vessels.

Last summer, divers spotted parts of the hull and keel, a cast iron cannon shot, a shoe heel fastened with wooden pegs, a pewter spoon bowl, three wooden casks and parts of a lead bilge strainer.

On Thursday, four more lead bilge strainers were pulled up, along with a cannonball, bits of a wooden barrel and a bucket, a wheel to a pulley system, possibly used in sail rigging, and "bar shot" — two cannonballs linked by an iron bar designed to tear down enemy sails and lines.

None of it helped Whall learn anything for certain.

"We're getting a lot of info, and we may be able to narrow things down," he said. "It may open some other doors, too."



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'Money plays a big part in making you happy'

Poll: Many say cash can get you some satisfaction in life

BY WILL LESTER

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Money may not buy happiness, but for many people it apparently puts a down payment on satisfaction.

People who make more than \$75,000 a year are far more likely than those who make \$25,000 or less to say they are "very satisfied" with their lives — 56 percent of the higher-income group compared with 24 percent of the lower-income group, according to AP polling.

Money alone doesn't equal satisfaction, however. People who are married and have college degrees were more likely to be "very satisfied" than others who had equal incomes, the polling found.

"Money is not everything, but it allows you to do things many people can't always do," said Bob Russell, a 53-year-old businessman from Hockessin, Del. "We've been very fortunate as far as accumulating money."

He and his wife, who recently retired from her job at a bank, can pick the preferred schools for their children, hire professionals to provide services and get out of town whenever they want.

Despite uncertainty about the

economy and fears of terrorism, about eight in 10 people said they are at least somewhat satisfied with their lives and four in 10 said they are very satisfied, according to polling done for the AP by Ipsos-Public Affairs.

Whites were more likely than non-whites to say they are very satisfied, while Republicans were more inclined than Democrats to feel that way.

Public opinion specialist Robert Blendon, a professor at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government, said people with moderate incomes have seen their satisfaction decrease in recent years because of the stress of worrying about paying for things like health care and retirement.

Carly Sheffer, a 24-year-old store manager from Albuquerque, N.M., just started her freshman year in college after a five-year break. She said a college degree gives her a better opportunity to earn more money.

"Money plays a big part in making you happy," said the mother of two young children.

For 56-year-old Pat Pacak of Grove City, Ohio, carefully managing money is a big factor in her satisfaction.

"We save our money. We don't have credit card bills," she said.

But some people say they're satisfied just to have enough to live on.

"Some people seem to think the world owes them something," said Jean Kelley, a 63-year-old retiree from Ozark, Ala. "We never felt that way."

One of her five grown children has Down syndrome and still lives with Kelley and her husband of 47 years, a retired military pilot.

But she doesn't view that as a hardship.

"We feel like we're truly blessed," she said. "With my other children, when I thought about them leaving home, I'd almost throw up. The good Lord send me one that will stay with me."

For retiree Clifford Sturtevant of Savannah, Ga., his lifelong job with a company like Coca-Cola offered financial security but his family is the main factor he cites for being very satisfied.

He and his wife of 62 years raised two children "who never gave us a minute's worth of trouble." They thoroughly enjoy a relatively low key life in retirement.

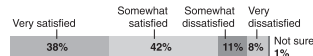
"We both still get along good," said Sturtevant. "We eat out quite often. That ain't much, but it means a lot to us."

Are you satisfied now?

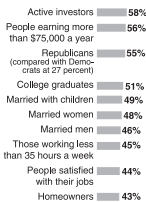
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An Associated Press poll found that circumstances such as income, education and marital status affect whether or not Americans feel satisfied with their lives.

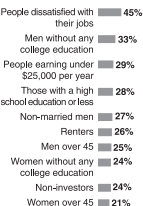
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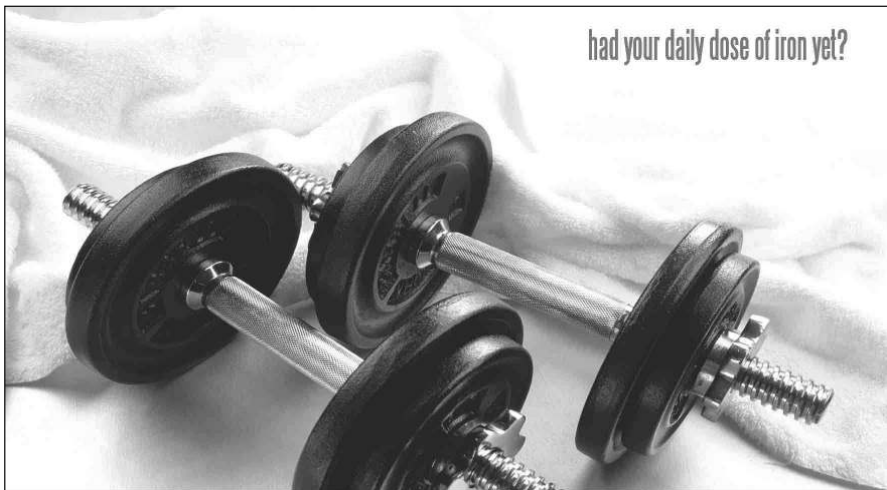
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Banning prostitutes unwise

When I read the article about the pro-
posed ban on soldiers contracting prosti-
tutes ("DOD pushes for penalties for solici-
ting a prostitute," Japan and Korea editions,
Sept. 23; Okinawa edition, Sept. 24), I al-
most fell off my chair. Who could think of
such a thing with a straight face?

I realize that the greatest signs in history
were prostitutes. But when you take a sol-
dier at the peak of his sexual life, send him
to another country where he cannot take his
wife or is single and one of the country's
only products and income is prostitution,
you sir, are asking for trouble with such a
law.

We talk about China and its slave camps.
Yet we buy from there like it was going out
of style.

And if anyone thinks banning GIs from
having sex (because prostitution is their
only means of having sex) will help stop
human trafficking in these countries, he
should wake up. It is a dirtier business than
drugs, but it is here to stay as long as those
countries live with the attitudes and laws
that are now in effect.

Sex is a natural function, as well as the
second strongest need of man. Americans
are usually afraid to discuss the subject and
are embarrassed when it comes up. Instead
of banning use of prostitution, the govern-
ment should offer it and control it. Then the
trafficking would have no effect on the mili-
tary there and it would be safe as possible.
Some forget that prostitution is also legal in
several parts of the USA.

Wherever there are men and women,
there will be prostitution. And the trafficking
part of it will live on with or without the
United States there to try and control it.

John R. Mize
Langenzenn, Germany

Vets' 'valuable insight'

I agree with the Sept. 8 column "Help
combat vets express their emotions," when
the writer explains that returning veterans
from combat theaters can be "all at sea,"
depressed, and a newly found inner tur-
moil has encroached upon their lives. And
that the duty of citizens is to listen to them.

There is a valuable insight that these re-
turning veterans can share with the world,
and therefore make it a better place. This
emotional turmoil they are suffering is the
realization that life is fleeting, and every-

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Army's 'redheaded stepchild'

I'm a deployed reservist who has finally
realized that the reservists are just the foot-
stool of the Army.

Time and again we are told we are on ac-
tive duty, so we need to act like active-duty
soldiers but, by far, we do not receive the same
entitlements that the active-duty or
National Guard soldiers receive.

One example would be that the active
Army and Army National Guard are both eli-
gible to receive promotion points for Army
e-learning courses they have taken, but the
Army Reserve soldiers are found not to be
eligible.

I am quite aware of the saying that the re-
servists are just weekend soldiers and are not
real soldiers. So I guess that saying would
imply much more than is really said since a
reservist is good enough to be deployed for
the same amount of time as a regular Army or
National Guardsman is, but not good
enough to receive the same benefits when it
comes to wanting to further his career.

As for reservists who are deployed and
wished to be promoted, but don't have the
needed points, it would seem we don't fall in
the area of highest importance to the Army.
So, to all of my fellow reservists I say, stay
the course, brothers and sisters, but don't ex-
pect much being the redheaded stepchild of
the Army.

Sgt. Angelo Hill
Camp Virginia, Kuwait

Give Dan a break

Give Dan Rather a break regarding the
story on President Bush's service, which is
questionable at best.

The president led the country to a war in
which far too many of our sons, daughters
and loved ones have died. So if the president
loses a vote or two based on inaccurate infor-
mation reported by Rather, it still doesn't
equitate to the irreparable damage caused as
the human being's information.

As a president, I understand mistakes
happen, but I cannot grasp why the presi-
dent gets to pass the buck while poor Dan
gets forced into retirement. That's about as
unfair as Al Gore getting duped out of an
election or soldiers who get their career
ended for war trophies while the command-
er in chief gets to flaunt them.

Either slam every offender or give all a
second chance, but don't use position or
rank to hide the truth.

DeAndre Wade
Camp Arifjan, Kuwait

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by G.B. Trudeau



OPINION

What newspapers are saying at home

The following editorial excerpts are selected from a cross section of newspapers throughout the United States. The editorials are provided by The Associated Press and other state-side syndicates.

Too quiet after Columbine
The Denver Post

From the beginning, the Columbine murders have posed many unanswered questions. A new state grand jury report on the mysterious disappearance of files about teen killer Eric Harris provides a bit of new information, but mysteries remain.

The grand jury's report, released Sept. 16, couldn't answer how the documents disappeared and who was responsible.

But, the report reinforces suspicions that after the April 20, 1999, Columbine High School killings, Jefferson County Sheriff John Stone's office tried to hush up an earlier investigation of Harris to avoid any criticism or liability if there were indications that it missed a chance to avert the tragedy, in which 12 students and a teacher died.

The grand jury said some things about the missing documents were "troubling," but there wasn't sufficient evidence to indict anyone for a crime.

So, the grand jury probe of the Guerra affidavit could offer no concrete proof about who's responsible for the disappearance of the records.

And, another Columbine question goes unanswered, leaving the families of victims and the public with only a morsel of new information and the same old gnawing suspicions.

Annan's words went too far
Chicago Tribune

Diplomats are renowned for carefully choosing their words so as not to leave a wrong impression or unnecessarily ruffle feathers.

That's particularly true at the United Nations where diplomats from all over the world practice the gossamer art of persuasion and manipulation through the muffled language of diplomacy.

But U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan abandoned the pretense of diplomacy (earlier this month) by firing off a very undiplomatic word to describe the Bush administration's decision to free Iraq, "illegal." Goaded by a [British Broadcasting Corp.] interviewer, Annan said of the war: "From one point of view, from the U.N. charter point of view, it was illegal."

Undoubtedly, legal scholars could get latticed up about what the U.N. charter says and how exactly to define the term "illegal." But that's not really the point here. Illegal is a loaded word. It implies criminality.

Had the United States not acted in Iraq, the U.N.'s threat of "serious consequences" if Saddam Hussein didn't disarm would have amounted to nothing. But almost all U.N. threats amount to — nothing.

10 days late and a dollar short
Delaware County (Pa.)
Daily Times

So [Monday], 12 days after CBS News broadcast a report that claimed the president of the United States had shirked his duty in the Texas Air National Guard 35 years ago and offered up the documents that supposedly proved it, the network admitted it could no longer vouch for their authenticity.

CBS anchor Don Rathner, after spending about two weeks deferring the report that aired on "60 Minutes II," has now issued a statement that he "no longer has confidence in these documents" and that "I can't then what I know now — I would not have gone ahead with the story as it was aired."

Well, Dan Rathner is about 10 days too late in owning up to what is the latest in a series of black eyes for the journalism profession. ...

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Considering that the authenticity of the documents was challenged within hours of the original broadcast and with good reason, the responsible thing for CBS to do was to announce that it was reviewing the story and the authenticity of the papers.

Why the newsgatherers at CBS responsible for this story acted in such a rash and self-destructive way is best left to their investigation. But they have certainly given plenty of ammunition to conservative critics who claim that they let their "liberal bias" and desire to air a story injurious to a Republican president during an election year cloud their judgment.

When lock owners unloaded
San Francisco Chronicle

Kryptonite may be able to fell the man of steel, but apparently it's no mightier than a pen when it comes to protecting bicycles. ...

A San Francisco bicyclist touched off a national furor recently when he announced that a few versions of the famed U-shaped Kryptonite locks could be picked by using a simple pen. He came upon his discovery after his very expensive bike was stolen and a friend mentioned that the tubular cylinders in some of the bike locks could be opened with the flick (and a few turns) of a cheap Bic.

His Internet warning had been visited by more than 300,000 concerned cyclists from here to Metropolis, who are spinning over the news. The Massachusetts bike-lock-maker has been in full damage control mode (for more than a) week; it [recently] announced free upgrades and rebates to customers (depending on when they purchased the affected devices) and a recall of seven versions of the lock. It's probably only a matter of time before lawyers start passing around their business cards at local bike shops.

Kryptonite goes by the slogan "tough world, tough lock." At least it's right about the first point. And the tough guys are packing Bics.

No whitewash special session
The Daytona Beach (Fla.)
News-Journal

Never before has Florida faced three killer hurricanes in a month's time. With luck, it will never happen again.

But Florida's leaders can't rely on luck.

In the aftermath of Charley, Frances and Ivan, the state has an opportunity to examine hurricane preparedness.

Plans are being made for a special legislative session, probably in December — to deal with hurricane issues. The one most often mentioned: The deductible double-whammy that had many homeowners paying far more than they expected in out-of-pocket expenses before their property insurance kicked in — and, in some cases, paying it twice. ...

Florida has some experience with hastily called legislative sessions in which legislators operate with one eye on the clock and the other on the gas pedal. More frequently than not, sessions of this sort end up with the lobbyists running the show. If a session is inevitable, it's up to Gov. Jeb Bush and legislative leaders to make sure the people, not the lobbyists, get priority consideration. ...

A focused agenda would keep a special session on track. The timing and logistics will be tight, especially with elections looming. But if this year's storm season has taught Floridians anything, it's the value of being prepared — and of putting the common good before selfish interests.

Senator perverted valid policy
The Birmingham (Ala.) News

Maybe there are good reasons to oppose a bill that would provide more than \$1.2 billion to clear up backlogs in DNA testing, pump more money into crime labs and help states cover the expenses of DNA tests for people who may have been wrongly convicted of crimes.

But U.S. Sen. Jeff Sessions' reasons aren't among them. Sessions, R-Ala., didn't argue, for instance, that the federal government is awash in red ink, the United States is embroiled in a war and the nation can't afford to spend more money for DNA testing.

That might be defensible, at least for those of us not in a hall for a crime we didn't commit. But no, Sessions' objections have nothing to do with fiscal responsibility. Instead, he takes the lowest of roads in a misguided bid to show how tough on crime he is. Namely, Sessions objects to the bill because it's a federal government giveaway to "anti-death penalty groups for the defense of murderers and terrorists."

That sure sounds bad. Who wants to think about our tax dollars going to defend

murderers and terrorists? Except this is one area where we can get real results from our tax dollars. In cases where DNA is an issue, testing the evidence can convict the guilty or exonerate the innocent.

DNA testing has cleared 151 people across the country who were falsely accused and wrongly convicted of crimes. Two of them were in Alabama. Some elsewhere were on Death Row.

This should trouble anyone — even a former prosecutor such as Sessions — who wants to believe our justice system is fair and foolproof. ... Whether DNA evidence proves someone guilty or proves him innocent, it can advance the cause of justice better than just about anything we've got going.

Sessions ought to be eager to make that happen. Instead, he's standing in the way.

Honesty on Iraq isn't defeatist
Times Union, Albany, N.Y.

President Bush has to start taking his own administration's intelligence reports more seriously. And so does the rest of the country — all those who favored invading Iraq last year and all those who opposed it.

What we get from the White House, however, is more like a sound bite sort of defense of a war that by any fair assessment is going badly. ...

Mr. Bush himself promised the U.N. General Assembly on Tuesday that freedom is coming to Iraq, even if securing it will mean more terrorist attacks there.

In other words, the Bush administration doesn't accept a nonpartisan and presumably informed examination of where the war is heading. ...

A sensible and worthwhile debate about Iraq would focus on providing the necessary troop strength to bring order to the Iraqi cities where the instability predicted by intelligence experts is visible on daily display, and where the possibility of civil war doesn't seem all that far-fetched. The same debate, of course, would have to include an honest discussion of the likely casualty toll of wresting control of places like Fallujah, Ramadi and Najaf. ...

The point of all of it should be to determine just what the endgame is, or should be, in Iraq.

But that means a debate that involves more than a reiteration of how successful a war that cost more than 1,000 American lives has really been. A debate under those restrictions is a one-sided affair, with no value to speak of.

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Dry town rethinking

MA ROCKPORT — Residents of this tourist village where alcohol has been banned for nearly 150 years have asked the Legislature to take the first step toward allowing some sales of booze.

Except for a brief period after Prohibition, Rockport has been dry since 1856, when 200 hatchet-wielding women swept through town and destroyed anything containing liquor.

At a town meeting, nearly 1,000 people voted by a 3-to-1 margin to begin allowing the sale of alcohol at restaurants. Liquor stores and bars would still be banned.

The vote asks the state Legislature to approve a home rule petition that would place the issue before town voters in April.

Stryker land wanted

HI HONOLULU — The federal government wants to pay \$15.9 million to take over 1,400 acres of pineapple fields and other agriculture land for training the Army's new Stryker Brigade.

The land near Schofield Barracks would be purchased through eminent domain from Campbell Estates, which supports the deal.

Environmentalists and Native Hawaiian groups, however, are expected to oppose the federal condemnation of the land near Schofield Barracks, some of which is currently used by Del Monte to grow pineapples.

The land would be used by the Army for firing ranges and training for the 19-ton Stryker vehicles.

Attic accusation

TX HOUSTON — A teenage girl's claim that she was locked naked in an attic where she was fed bread and water in unsanitary conditions has prompted police and child welfare officials to investigate a residential treatment center.

Child Protective Services and law officers are reviewing the teen's report of abuse at Child and Adolescent Development Inc. in Houston.

Now living at a foster care facility in Brazoria County, the 16-year-old girl spoke of witnessing bathroom beatings with metal hangers and other degrading practices while living at the treatment center, according to the mother of another foster child who is friends with the teen.

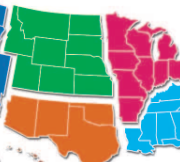
It was unknown when the alleged abuse took place or for how long.

School sickness

MO ST LOUIS — About 80 students and several adults at a vocational-technical high school became ill after complaints of an unidentified odor.

The Clyde C. Miller Career Academy was evacuated, but Fire Department spokeswoman Kim Bacon said there was no evidence of natural gas, carbon monoxide or other "environmental concerns" that could cause illness.

Several students and some teachers and staff complained of nausea and headaches, school district spokeswoman Karen Hyton said. Some of the sick were treated at the scene; others were treated at two hospitals. None of the illnesses was serious, and no one was hospital-



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talized overnight.

Salute to Otis

NY MASSENA — A decade after his death, Otis Campbell, the town drunk on "The Andy Griffith Show," is the subject of a new book.

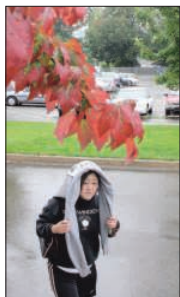
Masena historian and author John Michaud tells the Watertown Daily Times that actor Hal J. Smith was the "best sober drunk in Hollywood."

Michaud's 72-page book titled "More Than Otis: No Bull! A Salute to Hollywood Actor Hal J. Smith" is a collection of stories about Smith culled from a mix of celebrities such as Andy Griffith and local friends from his northern New York hometown.

Smith graduated from Massena High School in 1936 and went on to a show business career that spanned nearly five decades. Best known for his role on Griffith's show as the lovable town drunk Otis who regularly slept off his intoxication in Mayberry's jail, Smith also appeared on such television shows as "The Brady Bunch" and "The Addams Family."

Farmer cleared in deaths

CA MERCED — A California dairy farmer charged in the deaths of two workers who went into a manure pit without training or safety equipment is innocent of any crime, a Merced judge decided.



Changing color

Olympic College student Kara Welling covers her head with her sweatshirt to keep dry as she walks in the rain to her car on campus in Bremerton, Wash. The leaves around the Bremerton community college are beginning to change into fall colors.

Patrick J. Faria was facing two counts of involuntary manslaughter and charges that he violated the state Labor Code in the deaths of Enrique Araisa and Jose Alatorre on his Gustine dairy.

Members of the jury did tell the court they were concerned that state regulations seemed lax, even years after the Feb. 2, 2001, deaths.

Alatorre had climbed into the pit to unclog it. He was overcome by toxic fumes coming from the mixture of liquid waste at the bottom of the narrow, 40-foot deep pit. He fell and drowned. Araisa climbed in to help Alatorre, and was also asphyxiated by the gases.

Prairie dog protection

SD PIERRE — Conservation groups have filed a lawsuit against the U.S. Forest Service and several other agencies, seeking to block a program that calls for the poisoning and shooting of black-tailed prairie dogs on federal land.

The lawsuit, filed in federal court in Denver, argues that the plan to reduce the prairie dog population in southwestern South Dakota violates national environmental and forest-management laws.

Colonies of black-tailed prairie dogs once were widespread from Canada to Mexico, but the population has decreased through much of that range because of disease, eradication programs and urban sprawl.

House fire kills five

FL HOMESTEAD — A pre-dawn house fire killed five relatives as firefighters had trouble getting into the home because its windows were covered with burglar bars and plywood storm shutters, officials said.

Two adults and three children were found inside the burning house, Miami-Dade County Fire Rescue Lt. Eugene Germain said. Four people died at the scene and one died on the way to a hospital, he said.

The victims apparently died of smoke inhalation because the fire did not breach the bedroom, where they all were possibly sleeping, Germain said.

The house didn't have smoke alarms, so the victims may not have even known there was a fire, he said. The victims' identities and exact relations were not immediately available.

Back taxes paid

PA POTTSVILLE — A Pottsville coal company has paid \$44,854 in back taxes to three Carbon County boroughs, preventing a sale of its properties.

Lehigh Coal and Navigation Co., which faces stiff opposition to its proposal to fill a huge mine pit with river dredge, coal ash and kiln dust, owed Lansford \$15,126, Nesquehoning \$9,275 and Summit Hill \$20,453 in 2002 taxes, according to county Tax Claim Bureau Director Marie Midas.

Lehigh Coal President James Cohan Jr. has blamed financial setbacks for delays in paying the taxes. The company is struggling with fierce opposition to its plan to fill the so-called Springdale Pit in Coaldale, Pa., and Summit Hill with the dredge mixture, which opponents fear could pollute the water supply.



Fall decor

Anna Lyles arranges decorations at the Mesilla Valley Maze, a 10-acre corn field cut and groomed into a maze, on the first day of fall, in Las Cruces, N.M.



Rising moon

A Texas flag waves on top of Ameriquest Field in Arlington as a half moon is seen rising in the sky in Arlington, Texas.



Buildlog express

Harrelyn Robertson, of Alma, Ark., gives her two-year-old bulldog, Cisco Kidd, a ride around the civic center parking lot in Lubbock, Texas. Robertson is in town for the Heart of the Plains dog show and uses the custom-made bulldog express trike to not only give Cisco a ride but also to transport supplies to the building.



Misty morning

Pete Smith, standing, pilots a model pontoon plane while his brother Randy Smith from Arizona films the flight. They were enjoying the early-morning stillness and mist on Kilinein Pond in Vancouver, Wash. After a chilly and rainy end to summer, the first few days of autumn have been sunny and dry.



Food fight

Jordan Moore gives her friend Jessica Arnold a face full of mustard in the parking lot of Christ United Methodist Church. The Pine Street High, the church's youth group, held "the world's largest food fight" to kick off the youth ministry year and its weekly Wednesday night services.



Double the fun

Twin sisters Kaelyn, left, and Kelbi Winters, 4, enjoy a couple of snow cones at the Texas State Forest Festival in Lufkin, Texas.

Hybrid car bill

CA SACRAMENTO — Rebuffing lobbying by the chairman of Ford Motor Co., Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger signed a bill Thursday that will let thousands of single-occupant hybrid vehicles use carpool lanes.

The bill allows up to 75,000 hybrids to obtain decals from the state to use carpool lanes without having to have the minimum number of two or three occupants. Other advanced-technology vehicles could also qualify for the program. To obtain the decals, the vehicles would have to get at least 45 miles per gallon and meet tough emission standards.

The new law is scheduled to take effect Jan. 1, but it also needs federal approval to be implemented because federal funds help pay for carpool lanes.

Seaplane festival

ME GREENVILLE — More than 300 planes converged on this lakeside town that remains a jump-off spot for bush pilots heading to even more remote regions of Maine and Canada.

The 31st annual International Seaplane Fly-In drew an estimated 100 seaplanes that landed on Moosehead Lake, and another 200 planes that landed at the local airport. Organizers said the three-day event attracted about 5,000 people.

The event celebrates the marvels of flying and the daring of the bush pilots who shuttled sportsmen, woodsmen and businessmen to fishing camps and logging sites. "For seaplane pilots, it's the biggest event in the United States," said David Quam, founder of the Seaplane Pilots Association.

Wrong moose = fine

WY CHEYENNE — Wyoming Attorney General Patrick Crank pleaded guilty and paid a \$210 fine Wednesday for a hunting violation in which his son illegally shot a female moose.

Saying it was a "stupid mistake" and a "humbling experience," Crank mailed papers to the Lincoln County Circuit Court, pleading guilty to being an accessory to the taking of the wrong sex of a moose and paying the citation.

In a letter to Circuit Judge Frank J. Zebre, Crank said he was hunting with his son around dusk in western Wyoming when they mistook a cow moose for a bull moose and shot it. His son had a state license to shoot a bull moose but not a cow moose.

"We spotted some moose near dark, believed one of the moose was a bull, and I told my son to shoot the animal we believed was a bull," he wrote. "After he shot the animal, and it had rolled down the hill, we discovered that he had killed a cow moose."

They field-dressed the moose, filled out the bull moose license and reported the violation to state Game and Fish warden Todd Graham.

Boy suspected of rape

WI MILWAUKEE — An 11-year-old boy raped an elderly neighborhood woman, as three other boys watched, police said.

Police arrested him and three others, Sgt. Ken Henning said.

Henning said the boys had been "terrorizing" the 76-year-old woman in her house for a week, crawling through a window each day and stealing items. The woman lived alone, he said.

The woman alerted police after she was raped by one of the boys while the others — ages 11, 12 and 13 — watched, Henning said.

Henning said the 11-year-old boy admitted to the crime and was arrested on suspicion of sexual assault. The others were arrested on suspicion of being parties to a crime.

JFK Jr. plane for sale

NY SEAFORD — John F. Kennedy Jr.'s first airplane — sold after he bought the ill-fated craft that went down off Martha's Vineyard in 1999 — will be offered for sale online.

The three-bladed propeller plane will carry a reserve price of \$180,000, Internet auctioneer LeLand.com announced.

Bidding will begin online Nov. 10 and will conclude Dec. 2. Kennedy, editor of George magazine, bought the plane in 1998 and sold it in May 1999 after buying the Piper Saratoga that crashed July 17, 1999, killing him, his wife Carolyn and his sister-in-law.

The plane's owner, who wants to remain anonymous, originally put it up for sale through another auction house in 2000 but did not find a buyer.

Peppers harm workers

NC CONOVER — Workers unloading a shipment at Laneventure Furniture complained of burning eyes, irritated skin, breathing difficulties and nausea.

Three were taken to the hospital, where emergency workers said the workers appeared to have been hit with pepper spray.

And in a way, they were. It turns out the culprit was hot chili peppers.

The truck the men were unloading was used to haul a shipment of dried Chile de Arbol peppers from California to El Paso, Texas.

Residue from the peppers lay dormant in the truck's wooden floorboards while the furniture was loaded, but became agitated and airborne during the trip to the furniture distributor's Conover plant, said Dave Weldon, emergency services director for Catawba County.

Laneventure ordered pizza for everyone after the ordeal, said Art Thompson, Laneventure's president.

"We told them to hold the chili peppers," he said.

Bus driver charged

NH BEDFORD — A former school bus driver has been charged with selling marijuana to a teenager who used to ride her bus.

Police said Nancy Hatch, 40, of Manchester, was arrested in a sting after the student's parents found marijuana at their home in Bedford.

Police said a search of Hatch's apartment yielded a pound of marijuana and \$400.

She was released on \$10,000 bail on charges of endangering the welfare of a child and possession and sale of illegal drugs.

Stories and photos from wire services

Sunday Horoscope

Mars hops on the solar trend with today's transit into Libra's lovely homeland. Mars will be in Libra until Nov. 11. Libra is about partnership, and Mars will put real energy behind any team effort.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (September 26). Visualizing a beautiful future will be key to obtaining it. Spend time nurturing your imagination this year through reading, travel and saying "yes" to new experiences. Ultimately, you'll have a lot of fun and find love and money on your way. Nothing goes as planned in December, but it turns out brilliantly. Capricorn and Aries love is passionate.

Your lucky numbers are: 20, 45, 1, 22 and 26.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). This harmonious, energetic and cool you're featured in a lively but lighthearted conversation. Your undereared talents come to the fore. Watch out tonight, though. Seeking instant gratification can sabotage long-term goals.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). People want to suck you into their dramas, but who needs the aggravation? Let weird comments roll off your back like water from a duck. When you're the brightest one, others surprise you by rising to the standard you've set.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Make contacts, and cement alliances.

Finishing what you've started is challenging, but your reward will be swift on completion. Someone new could declare romantic interest, but this love affair would come with a lot of baggage.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Artistic happenings bring you together with interesting new friends and future business partners. Special requests are made of you, but don't feel obligated. Organize your closet, and it will help you organize your mind.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Use creative vibes to pep up your domestic environment. Friends might have a lackluster idea of fun—it rests on you to get the party started. Tonight

is right for making a move on your secret crush. A Scorpio is featured.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll learn much from reading and listening to charismatic speakers. But it's what you actually apply to your life on a daily basis that makes a difference. Singles get swept up by bigger-life personalities.

Joyce Jillion



LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Guard your private time carefully. Don't begin anything you don't have the energy to keep up. On the other hand, people who match your personality, tone, intelligence and sense of humor will give you plenty of energy.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Go through your address and phone book to re-establish contact with terrific people. Friends help you circulate your best work and ideas. The stars stir up passionate feelings tonight. Lucky arrangements include a Sagittarius.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). This day promises new a dull moment.

The unexpected keeps you on tip-toe toes, ready to leap, lunge and duck. You come out of the process angrier than feeling different than you once were.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There's so much going on in your world that it's impossible to keep track without writing it down.

Preoccupation could strain your relationships, so when you're with family, really be there.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). People respond to your enthusiasm and want to be convinced of your point of view. Action and success go hand in hand.

Hesitation and failure do, too. Save time and energy by giving someone else more responsibility.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your choices affect people far from you, but it's smart to consider what's best for you and your loved ones first. Return all favors. Being indebted to others comes with a higher cost than you think.

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Coaching of inappropriate picture is cause for alarm

Dear Abby: I was recently at a youth sporting event.

Later that evening, one of the coaches and several of the parents were sitting around the hotel pool talking. Some joking sexual comments were made. The coach told one of the other fathers that he had a picture of himself as a youth.

He pulled it out of his wallet and passed it around the group. It was a picture of a 7- to 10-year-old boy, completely naked, that had been "altered" to exaggerate the size of the boy's you-know-what.

Not a single parent voiced any objection to this picture. The coach later handed the picture to me (after one of the other parents laughing told me he should show it to me). When I expressed disgust ("I really don't appreciate you showing this picture..."), the coach made me out to be the bad guy.

Do you think this picture is appropriate for a coach of adolescent boys to carry in his wallet and show to others? It struck me as child porn.

—Amazed and Disgusted

Dear Abby: Dad in Michigan

The incident should be reported to the league authorities. For the

coach to have shown the picture was a juvenile display of bad taste and poor judgment. For that reason I am not sure he is responsible enough to be supervising young boys.

Dear Abby



Dear Abby: I have known "Edgar" for four years. At first, he'd see me twice a week, but only for sex. He stood me up a lot. He was secretive about his life. I grew tired of it and started seeing other men. When Edgar found out, we had a big fight and broke up.

A week later, Edgar was back, begging to start over.

He promised to change and even moved in with me for three months. Then he reverted back to his old ways. I would tell him to pay his bills because I earned more than he did. When I lost my job and could no longer help him, he pulled away from me.

I now have another well-paying job. Edgar is back once or twice a week, but on weekends he's gone again. He claims his 16-year-old son is visiting and his ex doesn't want me around. Yet he accuses me of cheating, which is not true. I let Edgar know where I am all at times. I just want to be happy and have a real

relationship. Please tell me what to do.

—In Love and Alone
Dear Abby: A man who had sincere feelings for you would not have disappeared the minute you were out of a job. I suspect that Edgar will stay only if you pay.

There's a world for it, and the word isn't "love." If you want a real relationship, you will lose this loser. It shouldn't be difficult. Tell Edgar you've been laid off, and I guarantee he'll vanish.

Dear Abby: Can you please tell me what "cemetery etiquette" is?

—Pearl in Manteca, Calif.

Dear Pearl: It is behaving with respect for the people who are buried there, and being sensitive to the feelings of visitors who might be mourning. It includes: speaking quietly, dressing conservatively, and refraining from littering, stepping on the graves or blocking cars in the funeral procession on their way to the grave site (or cutting in front of them). It also means the stereo isn't blasting so loudly it will distract other visitors or wake the dead.

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Grandma wants to invite sex of baby before parents learn

Dear Annie: My husband and I are expecting our first child. I am starting my second trimester, and we have decided to wait until the baby is born to learn if it's a boy or a girl.

My mother wrote to me the other day, asking if my doctor could e-mail her with the information about the baby's sex after we have our ultrasound. She says this will help her relate to her grandchild and make it easier to shop before the birth.

My husband and I think this is an odd request. Why on earth would we show someone else in our family to know the baby's gender before we find out ourselves? I politely told my mother that we will all find out together, the old-fashioned way.

Am I wrong to feel annoyed over Mom's request?

—Still Wallowing in Kansas

Dear Kansas: Try not to make too much out of this. Your mother

is just curious, and she wants to pick out clothes. Since you have elected not to know the baby's sex in advance, however, your mother should respect your wish to be surprised and stop asking for more information than she is entitled to. Tell her she'll just have to wait, like everyone else.

Dear Annie: Eating dinner together as a family is a simple event, but it can make a world of difference for children and teens. The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse (CASA) at Columbia University has consistently found that the more often children eat dinner with their

families, the less likely they are to smoke, drink or use illegal drugs.

Created in 2001 as a direct result of CASA's research, "Family Day: Eat, Drink, and Be Merry With Your Children" is a national effort to promote parental engagement in children's lives as a simple, effective tool to help reduce substance abuse among children and teens and raise healthier children. Family Day is celebrated on the fourth Monday each September. This year, it is Sept. 27.

As difficult as it sometimes may be, making time for family dinners is worth the effort. Sincerely,

—Joseph A. Califano, Chairman and President, The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University

Dear Joseph: California, we are pleased, once again, to mention Family Day and encourage our readers to eat dinner together tomorrow night, Monday, Sept.

27. It doesn't have to be fancy. Get the whole family involved in the planning and preparation. Sit down together, talk to one another (no TV), and share your day. Serve a special dessert to make it memorable. For more suggestions, check out www.CASAFamilyDay.org. Bon appetit!

Dear Annie: My good friend and I have a close relationship. She's the same age (9) and are in school together. The trouble is, my daughter, "Amy," doesn't like "Cora," and does not want to spend time with her. It is especially awkward when Amy's birthday comes around and she doesn't want to invite Cora to her party.

So far, I have been forcing Amy to invite Cora, but she isn't happy about it.

British Columbia
Dear B.C.: You have an opportunity to treat compassion to Amy. Keep encouraging her to include Cora in her party, although the two of them do not otherwise have to socialize.

Explain to Amy that, as she gets older, she and Cora will naturally go by their separate ways, but it is unkind and hurtful at this time to exclude the girl from major social events.

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'Busted': Really old slang

I have often wondered about the word "busted." I see it used in TV, plays, radio, newspapers, and books. Someone is arrested by the police and the terminology used is "the person was busted" or "there was a drug bust." I would like to know the origin of this term.

The verb "bust," meaning "to arrest," and the noun "bust," meaning "a police raid," both originated in American slang over 50 years ago.

Their exact origins are not entirely clear, but we can make an educated guess about them by tracing the evolution of the older senses of "bust."

"Bust" has many meanings. One of its earliest attested senses (dating back to 1860) is "to break

or smash with force." From this literal use soon developed such figurative senses as "to bring an end to," "break up" ("trust-busting"), "to demolish" ("bronco-busting") and "to tane" ("All of these senses need some suggestion of breaking something apart or down).

The sense "to arrest" may well have come directly from the "demote" sense, which was standard in military use around the turn of the 20th century. The shared meaning is one of bringing someone down a notch, especially as a form of punishment. The noun "bust" meaning "a police raid" is apparently derived from the verb.

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Q If a cold is causing Wayne Newton's vocal problems, as his rep told you, he needs to see a top doctor: That "cold" is years old! — Esther Lynn, Las Vegas, Nev.

A Judging by our mailbag, hundreds of readers who recently heard Newton agree with you. As one wrote: "Mr. Newton is still a marvel when he picks up the many instruments he can play by ear. But vocally, he needs to stop before he really embarrasses himself."

Q I've fallen like a blind roofer for Lesley Ann Machado, a hostess on the TV Guide Channel. What can you tell me about her? — Steve Nahra, Virginia Beach, Va.

A The daughter of Cuban refugees, Lesley Ann, 30, grew up in New Jersey, where she studied ballet, flamenco, tap and belly dancing. She anchored Univision's Spanish-language show "Control" for five years but left because, she says, "Spanish TV was a lot about being a sex symbol, and you'd never catch me in a bikini." On the TV Guide Channel, Lesley Ann shows viewers what's on, not off.

Q I saw Natalie Portman with her dog, Charlie, on "The Late Show With David Letterman." What breed is he? — Lindsay Scheckelhoff, Cary, N.C.

A A Heinz 57-variety mutt. He was on the set when Natalie, 23, shot Mike Nichols' "Closer" with Jude Law and Julia Roberts, opening Dec. 3. And Star Wars fans will see Natalie in 2005 as Amidala in "Episode III — Revenge of the Sith." All that work should keep Charlie in biscuits.



KRT

Former tabloid fodder figure Russell Crowe seems to be leading a relatively tame existence as a family man. The Aussie hunk and his wife, Danielle Spencer, have a baby son.



KRT

Natalie Portman (but not her dog) will soon be reprising her "Star Wars" role of Amidala.

Q You used to write about Russell Crowe all the time. Why has he been absent of late? — Enid Hale, Blair, Neb.

A We thought he'd reformed and become... well, a bit boring. Crowe, 40, seemed dedicated to family life with wife Danielle, 33, and baby Charles and was working on "Cinderella Man," about '30s heavyweight champ Jim Braddock. Then recent headlines said the actor bit his own bodyguard's ear in a brawl in Toronto. Columnists were eager to make comparisons to heavyweight champ Mike Tyson, but the bodyguard, "Spud" Carroll, has denied the story, adding: "He did take a nip at my chest."

Q Are any of the Andrews Sisters, known in the '40s as "America's Wartime Sweethearts," still alive and kicking? — Milton Lyon, Newport, Calif.

A We don't know about kicking, but Patty — youngest of the three sisters — is still sassy at 86. "I'm going to hang around until the big-band swing revival," she tells us from her home near L.A. LaVerne died of cancer in 1967 at 51, and Maxene died of a heart attack in 1995 at 79. Patty and her manager, Wally Weschler, have been married 53 years.

Q I have a 19-year-old son and have not seen this question directly addressed anywhere else: In your opinion, who is more likely to reintroduce the military draft, George W. Bush or John Kerry? — Mary E., Austin, Texas

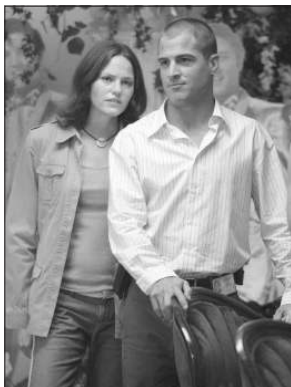
A Neither. The draft is political poison, and both candidates know that trying to revive it would be as unpopular as bringing back Prohibition.

Q Is that the voice of R&B legend Lou Rawls I heard as the granddaddy on Nick at Nite's animated sitcom "Fatherhood"? — Mark Steen, Cedar City, Utah

A Yes. "Animation is great, because I just go into a studio to record my lines," says Rawls, who also voiced Harvey, the mailman, on Nickelodeon's "Hey Arnold!" At 70, he still performs 150 live dates a year, traveling with his new wife, Nina, 33, and Pekingese, Millie.

Q Your item on Minnie Driver made me wonder: Will she actually sing Carolla's arias in the film of "Phantom of the Opera"? — Sharon Marcus, Richmond, Va.

A Minnie, 34, was a vocalist before she became an actress, but her arias were dubbed by Margaret Pricece, a real opera singer. In addition to the coveted Phantom role, she'll star in the film "The Virgin of Juarez." It looks like Minnie — who hasn't had a hit since "Good Will Hunting" — is poised for a comeback.



CBS

Jorja Fox and George Eads of "CSI" now serve as an example to other would-be well-paid TV stars.

Q Dylan McDermott was dumped by "The Practice," and George Eads and Jorja Fox nearly lost their "CSI" jobs. What's up? — Pam B., Bridgehampton, N.Y.

A An average hourlong drama now costs about \$2 million to make, so producers have little patience with stars who demand huge salaries. Their solution: cast relative unknowns who are cheap. Dick Wolf, creator of "Law & Order," led the way to this new TV formula with programs built around an ensemble cast, not a single star.

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YOUR MONEY

Preparing estate will help family grieve

Susie Besaw, from the book "The Savvy Sailor's Spouse," is new to the military lifestyle but is eager to learn more about how to manage her family and her new lifestyle through the monthly Family Readiness Group meetings of her husband, Jake's, new command. Last week Jake talked about life insurance.

The April Family Readiness Group meeting was packed. A representative from base legal was coming to talk about military benefits—specifically our death benefits.

Evenly opened the meeting on time, as usual, and introduced our guest speaker from base legal, Cmdr. Edward Brown. The commander was a short fellow with a mustache and steely eyes. You could tell he was one of those guys you always wanted on your side of the negotiating table.

Cmdr. Brown started, "Good evening, everyone. Tonight we are going to talk about something we all try to avoid—estate planning—or the process of organizing all of your personal responsibilities, belongings and paperwork before you die—so your survivors don't have to."

"Why is estate planning important?"

"To minimize the stress on our loved ones," a lady in the front asked.

"Yes," he replied. "You can't totally prepare anyone for the emotional stress from your loss, but you can do a tremendous amount to minimize the administrative stress—especially for your estate's executor. For women, the term is executrix."

"What administrative stress?" Maggie asked.

"Somebody has to continue paying the bills and transfer the deceased person's belongings to their survivors. That person is called an executor or an executrix," Cmdr. Brown explained.

"What many of us don't realize is the amount of effort required by our executors to move our belongings through a process called probate, as well as the effort to do all the paperwork to claim our government benefits."

"Isn't probate the administration of our estate?" the lady in the front asked.

"Exactly," Mr. Hardy replied. "Probate is the government's way of making sure everything in our estate goes to where it is supposed to go according to the law. Otherwise we have no guarantee that our last

wishes will be kept after we die.

"The government says all property not transferred by contract or operation of law must be transferred by the probate process."

"If you don't have a will, the probate process makes sure your immediate family is taken care of first. But unfortunately, sometimes the process takes months, and probate can be a tremendous burden to your family. You need to take the steps to be prepared for the inevitable."

"First, always have a will. It will make life much easier on your loved ones who survive you."

"What else can we do now to help our executor?" a petty officer in the crowd asked.

"Good question," Cmdr. Brown replied. "Besides having a will, you can do several things."

"You can build your personal and property-record binders. These binders organize all of your paperwork in one place for your executor."

Otherwise, your executor is going to have to track down everything you own and the paperwork that goes with it. Take it from someone who had to sort through an unorganized relative's stuff after they died. It

can be a real hassle."

"Can you give us an example?" I asked.

"Of course," the commander replied. "When my uncle died, I was asked to be his executor. I had to go to the county courthouse where he lived to register his will. The judge appointed me executor and I was told to compile a list of everything my uncle owned and owed. I spent the next year trying to sort things out, paying bills, and finding family and his friends. If my uncle had made the personal property and paperwork binders I recommend you build, my executor job would have been much easier."

"My uncle may not have had binders, but he did have estate paperwork."

Next week Cmdr. Brown talks about estate planning.

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Money II.



Ralph Nelson

Companies expand services for working moms

Employers now offer its workers everything from yoga to eldercare

BY MADLEN READ
The Associated Press

Returning to work after giving birth is tough.

Running a half-marathon on top of that is tougher.

But Kirstie Foster did it with the help of her employer General Mills Inc., which provides onsite childcare and health facilities at the company's Minneapolis headquarters. After dropping off her daughter at daycare every morning, Foster met with a food behaviorist, a nutritionist and a personal trainer. Six months later, she crossed the finish line.

"After you have a baby, you tend to focus on everything but yourself," said Foster, a corporate relations manager and runner who has managed to add family life to the mix. "It's difficult to find the time of day to work out and plan meals."

General Mills is among a host of companies that have expanded services for working mothers beyond just maternity leave and flexible hours, according to Working Mother magazine, which released its 19th

annual list Tuesday of the 100 best companies for working mothers.

The business rationale behind these efforts? Cheaper and more convenient health care and fitness programs mean employees are more likely to take advantage of them. And happier, healthier employees typically translates into boosted productivity, less absenteeism and fewer health care and disability expenses for the company years down the road, according to Working Mother Media CEO Carol Evans.

It also helps mothers maintain a better balance between work and family life, she said.

Foster, a General Mills manager, agrees. "It's not only a cost savings. More importantly, it's a time savings," she said. "When I go home at night, I can go spend time with my husband and daughter."

The general trend among employers has been toward increased work flexibility options and eldercare benefits in the past few years, while childcare benefits have remained at about the



Kirstie Foster, a corporate public relations manager with General Mills Inc., comforts her 10-month-old daughter Mia as she visits her at the childcare facilities in the company's headquarters in Golden Valley, Minn., last week.

same level, said Ellen Galsinsky, president of the nonprofit Families and Work Institute in New York, which was not involved with the study.

Where companies in the booming late '90s offered more "bells-and-whistles" benefits, today companies are sticking more to fundamentals, Galsinsky said—for example, new ways to offer flexible hours, such as part-year work.

"Things like that are the new frontier," Galsinsky said.

Another trend evident at many of the magazine's choices is a growing understanding that working mothers are daughters, too.

Companies increasingly are offering such services as dependent-care centers for aging parents and elder health care and referrals.

As the baby boomer generation ages and the average lifespan in-

creases, eldercare has become a new focus for IBM Corp., which has appeared in Working Mother's top 100 since the list's inception. While the company has offered eldercare and referral services since 1988, the need for such services has tripled from 9 percent of IBM employees to 27 percent, according to Maria Ferris, manager of work/life and women's initiatives at IBM.

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Services: Employers ensure success by giving benefits

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New offerings at the world's biggest seller of computers and related services include care planning and monitoring, a phone-check-in service, an elder facility review program and online discussion groups.

"We've found [having a dependent parent] can be very isolating," Ferris said.

"It's not a very happy topic. Around the watercooler, everyone wants to talk about babies. No one wants to talk about a sick parent."

All but one of the 100 companies in the list provide elder-care referral services, compared with 21 percent of companies nationwide. And 28 percent offer emergency or backup emergency eldercare, compared with 2 percent nationwide.

To remain competitive in attracting quality employees, companies also need to keep up with the times — an effort that can range from offering such trendy luxuries as massages and yoga

classes to readying for wartime services and natural disasters.

J.P. Morgan Chase & Co., in response to the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, created a patriotic leave program for employees called into active duty, said Christine Fossacca, the company's global work/life solutions manager.

Hundreds of companies compete for a place on the Working Mother list each year. New York-based Working Mother Media, which is privately held, does not give specifics on advertising support for the issue, but said the number of ads was nearly double the monthly average.

Working Mother focused heavily on childcare options this year, as well as flexible scheduling and time off for new parents.

New to the 2004 list was Virginia Commonwealth University Health System, UBS AG, TriHealth and Timberland Co.

Several names in last year's top 100 did not appear on the latest list, including Eastman Kodak Co., Liz Claiborne Inc. and Sallie Mae.

Facts: Shares couple's debt

Q: My parents have both been told they have cancer. When their medical bills started mounting, they put all their adult children's names on their property deed in an effort to prevent creditors from taking their homes.

A: Unfortunately, now my husband and I are filing for Chapter 7 bankruptcy. We have no equity in our home, no savings and a retirement account that was drained to pay education costs for our four children.

What's more, my husband has taken a 27 percent pay cut at work and our expenses exceed our income by at least \$1,000 a month, which doesn't include the payments we're supposed to be making on our credit cards.

We've been turned down for credit counseling and don't see an alternative to bankruptcy, but our attorney has told us that the bankruptcy trustee can force the sale of my parents' property.

I am frantic. My great-grandfather owned that property, and it's where my father was born. My oldest daughter, an attorney, found two cases that seem to show that a trustee could not opt

to sell such an asset, but my attorney hasn't responded to my e-mails about these exceptions.

This is truly a nightmare. Is there any way out?

A: This is yet another reason parents should think, and then three or four times more, before adding children's names to a real estate deed. Such an action typically fails to protect the property from the parents' creditors and can make it vulnerable to the creditors of the children.

You can't even get out of this situation by getting off the deed, said Los Angeles bankruptcy lawyer Scott Bovitz. If you made this transfer within one year of filing, the trustee, or even one of your creditors, could ask the bankruptcy judge to block your ability to discharge your debts. In other words, you couldn't get them erased in U.S. Bankruptcy Court.

Even if you waited longer after the transfer, Bovitz said, you could face problems. If the Bankruptcy Court decided that the transfer was meant to defraud your creditors, they could come after you for the value of the property.

The trustee's decision ultimately will be based on the financial issues involved, not pity for your parents.

Your attorney should be the one explaining all this to you and reviewing your options. If you can't get his or her attention, consider hiring someone else or seeking legal aid society.

It may well be that the best course is not to proceed with your bankruptcy.

This means you could continue to be harassed by creditors for debts you can't pay, but it could help protect your parents' property.

Besides, filing for bankruptcy would solve your cash flow problem, because even without debt payments you're spending more than you earn.

You need to look hard at all your options, including selling your house and finding something cheaper, taking on a second job (or going back to work if you're not employed), and perhaps even asking your children for financial help if they are able.

No, it's not the life you envisioned for yourself as you near retirement. But it's the life you have, and the sooner you take action, the better.

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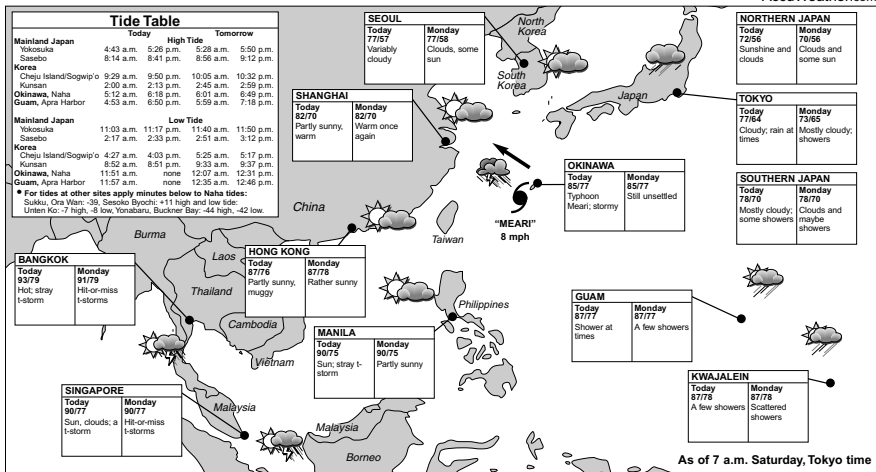
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The Pacific Forecast

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Extended Forecasts

TOKYO
 Tuesday: Mostly cloudy,
 high 77, low 66.
 Wednesday: Periods of clouds
 and sunshine,
 high 76, low 67.

KADENA
 Tuesday: Showers,
 high 85, low 77.
 Wednesday: Showers,
 high 87, low 79.

SEOUL
 Tuesday: Periods of clouds
 and sunshine,
 high 78, low 60.
 Wednesday: Partly sunny,
 high 77, low 55.

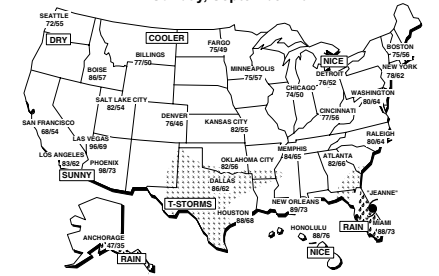
MANILA
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 and sunshine, high 90, low 75.
 Wednesday: Periods of clouds
 and sunshine,
 high 88, low 75.

HAGATNA
 Tuesday: Showers,
 high 87, low 75.
 Wednesday: Showers,
 high 87, low 75.

Friday's USA Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Albuquerque	78/54	Los Angeles	80/62
Amarillo	76/52	Little Rock	83/64
Anchorage	46/33	Louisville	88/65
Ashville	54/35	Miami	89/74
Baltimore	84/57	Milwaukee	80/57
Birmingham	88/65	Nashville	87/63
Bismarck	73/45	New York	80/62
Boise	82/57	Omaha	79/50
Boston	70/58	Orlando	89/74
Brownsville	93/72	Philadelphia	81/60
Buffalo	83/63	Phoenix	101/72
Burlington	80/60	Pittsburgh	82/62
Charleston, SC	85/68	Portland, OR	78/56
Charlotte	86/60	Portland, ME	72/53
Cleveland	83/62	Salt Lake City	76/53
Columbus, OH	85/63	St. Louis	80/61
Duluth	60/44	San Antonio	90/70
El Paso	87/66	San Diego	81/64
Hartford	79/54	San Juan	93/76
Helena	72/45	Tampa	91/72
Indianapolis	85/60	Tulsa	84/62
Jacksonville	84/69	Washington	82/62
Kansas City	85/56	Wichita	84/58

Sunday, September 26



U.S. Extended Forecast

Hurricane Jeanne will impact Florida on Sunday, especially along the east coast of the state, with damaging winds, heavy rain and high surf. Showers from outer bands of Jeanne will be felt as far north as Georgia and the coast of the Carolinas. The remnants of Ivan will continue to drift along the coast of Texas, bringing showers and thunderstorms. High pressure will keep nice weather across the Great Lakes. A few showers and thunderstorms will occur across New Mexico. The Pacific Northwest will be warm. By Monday, Jeanne's impacts will shift into Georgia and the Carolinas; however, portions of north Florida will still be affected by the storm. A frontal boundary will push into the Upper Midwest, bringing a few showers with it.

Sunday's Pacific Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Bangkok	93/79	Iskani	80/68
Beijing	80/62	Kadena AB	85/77
Camp Casey	78/65	Kunsan AB	78/80
Christchurch	76/55	Kwajalein	87/78
Diego Garcia	83/76	Manila	90/75
Hagatna	88/77	Misawa AB	69/54
Hanoi	87/77	Osan	76/57
Hong Kong	87/76	Perth	61/46
Honolulu	88/76	Pusan	76/54

Sunday's World Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Acapulco	91/74	Budapest	56/33
Athens	75/58	Buenos Aires	77/57
Auckland	58/47	Cairo	96/69
Baghdad	109/75	Cancun	83/71
Barbados	91/74	Cape Town	63/47
Barcelona	65/54	Geneva	52/43
Berlin	59/45	Islamabad	76/59
Bermuda	82/71	Jerusalem	89/65
Brussels	61/49	Johannesburg	78/45
		Moscow	56/41
		Oslo	59/45
		Paris	62/56
		Rio de Janeiro	79/70
		Rome	64/46
		St. Petersburg	55/45
		Stockholm	52/43
		Warsaw	60/40



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Puttering around with golf might be hazardous for IOC

Think the dozen golfers on the U.S. Ryder Cup team looked dyspeptic last weekend getting drummed by Europe? Just wait. The real fun could still be a few years off.

One day, those rumpus-punching and thumping might have to face Fiji, mighty Fiji, in the Olympics.

The soonest it could happen is the 2012 Games, and that's only if the International Olympic Committee gets its way. You'd think taking junkies all the time and handing out medals every four years — not to mention taking one back occasionally — would be tricky enough to keep the swells who run the IOC from hatching grand new plans in between. But no.

In another sign they haven't yet filled up all the working hours once devoted to taking bribes, the IOC Wednesday notified the governing bodies of golf and four other sports that they made the short list for possible inclusion in 2012.

It's hard to muster strong feelings about rugby, squash, karate and roller sports, but golf is a different matter. Like mountain climbing, coral singing, dumbbell-swinging, still fishing and tug of war, it was once part of the Olympic roster. Golf was dropped following the 1904 St. Louis Games and there hasn't been much clamor for its return before now, other than some preliminary discussions in 1992, when the Atlanta power brokers who locked up the 1996 Summer Games dangled the possibility of playing matches at nearby Augusta National.

Golf certainly satisfies the most important criteria laid out for a sport to join the Olympics. It has an ever-growing number of participants and spectators around the globe, and the past dozen years have seen the emergence of world-class professionals in even the most far-flung corners.

But let's be clear about this: What makes golf considerably more attractive to the IOC and NBC is money, money and more money.

Enough to line the pockets of most everybody involved.

However, the last time the subject came up, most of the talent had too much money at stake and too little time to voluntarily punch a two-week hole in their

schedules to represent their country free of charge.

Peter Dawson, secretary of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club, has already gone on record saying neither the PGA nor European Tour were thrilled by the idea. Small wonder. Like tennis, another proven moneymaker jammed into the Olympic schedule without much fanfare and even less return, it remains to be seen whether the public would buy into an Olympic golf tournament as a way of producing a true world champion.

The U.S. golfers, to be sure, won't march willingly in anybody's opening ceremony parade. The last time the subject was broached, the late Payne Stewart, a veteran of Ryder Cup and several other international competitions, shook his head slowly and smiled.

"That might take some convincing," he said. "Most everybody out here is used to playing for something."

Anybody who heard all the whimpering that followed their latest humbling in the Ryder Cup was reminded of that. A dozen U.S. players are already committed to that event and the Presidents Cup in alternating years, and a few of the top-ranked golfers usually compete in the World and Dunhill Cups. And the last thing the Olympics need is another set of disgruntled pros expressing that unhappiness by tearing through the minihubs in some five-star hotel.

Besides, the idle rich already have enough to do in the Olympics. Even forgetting all the pros from moneyed sports like basketball, tennis and hockey, they've cornered the market on sailing and equestrian. And with figure skating, synchronized swimming and gymnastics already part of the Games, who needs another set of high-strung actors decked out in bad costumes?

IOC President Jacques Rogge repeatedly has said the road is frosty at 28 spots, with around 10,500 athletes, and sports will be added only if others are dropped. By carving out a place for golf on the short list, the IOC told hopefuls such as bowling, water skiing, billiards, ballroom dancing, chess, bridge and soccer not to expect an invitation anytime soon.

So golf has that going for it, at least. It's mind-boggling to think what could have happened if ballroom dancing went big-time and Don King horned in. Anybody for a "Last Tango in Paris"?

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Seeking his fifth victory in his past six tournaments, world No. 1 Vijay Singh broke 70 for the 53rd time this year on Thursday.

Singh hammers field in 84 Lumber Classic with a first-round 64

The Associated Press

FARMINGTON, Pa. — Vijay Singh walked off the Mystic Rock course with a three-shot lead during the first round of the 84 Lumber Classic. Before he returned to the course, his lead was gone.

Ben Curtis, the 2003 British Open champion, started the second round with a 5-under par 31 on the front nine Friday, moving to 10-under for the tournament — two shots ahead of Singh, who started his round later on Friday. The way Singh is playing these days, that's about the only way for the rest of the PGA Tour to get a jump on him.

Curtis was three back following an opening round 5-under 67, then went birdie-birdie to start the second round at the Nemaquin Woodlands Resort, a mountaintop resort with so many amenities that some players joked they almost didn't want to leave their luxurious rooms.

Curtis has missed the cut in his past five tournaments since finishing 30th in the U.S. Open and hasn't placed higher than eighth in 17 events this year.

His front-side 31 included five birdies and matched Singh's opening round Thursday, when the world's No. 1-ranked player got off to a fast start in pursuit of a fifth championship in the past six tournaments he has entered.

Kent Jones was also making a move, following an opening-round 69 with a 4-under 32 on the front nine to close to within one shot of Singh.

About one-fifth of the field finished a fog-delayed first round Friday morning before moving on to the second round, which was being played under sunny skies on an unusually warm late September day in southwestern Pennsylvania. A daytime high of 85 degrees was forecast.

During the first round, it was a case of different tournament, different course, same old song — or, make that, the same old Singh.

Singh said he was nearly perfect during an 8-under 64 Thursday that left him three ahead of the field. It was difficult to argue. Singh had an eagle and six bird-

Golf roundup

ies in a bogey-free round that was his 53rd of the year in the 60s. It also was his fourth round of 60 or lower in five tournaments, beginning with his victory last month in the PGA Championship.

Montgomerie misses cut in European Tour event

WOBURN, England — Five days after making the putt that won the Ryder Cup, Colin Montgomerie missed the cut in a European PGA tour event Friday.

Montgomerie shot a second-round 5-over 77 in The Heritage and finished three strokes outside the cut line.

Graeme McDowell, who shot 4-under 68, and Phillip Price, who carded 67, shared the lead at 9-under after 36 holes.

Swedes Patrik Sjöland and Henrik Stenson were one stroke out of the lead after rounds of 68 and 67, respectively.

Montgomerie never recovered from a double-bogey 7 on his first hole, the 10th. He also bogeyed the 14th and 16th. After a birdie on No. 18, he double-bogeyed the 136-yard second hole when his tee shot flew over the green. Two bogeys and two birdies followed.

"I came here to try and get into the top five to qualify for next week's Amex Championship in Ireland," Montgomerie said. "I didn't do it and now I have a week off. It's probably a blessing in disguise."

Kim's 64 leads LPGA's Longs Drugs Challenge

AUBURN, Calif. — Christina Kim shot a 7-under 64 on Thursday and led a one-stroke lead over Rachel Teske after the first round of the LPGA Longs Drugs Challenge.

Kim didn't have a bogey on an almost windless day at The Ridge Golf Club, a 6,235-yard layout that is a new venue for the nine-year-old tournament.

Kim was two strokes ahead of Juli Inkster, a two-time winner of this tournament. Beth Bauer, Miriam Nagl and Michelle Estill.

Stalled talks prolong NHL lockout

By IRA PODELL

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — It's been a week without progress in the NHL lockout. So far, there have been no overtures from the league or the players to resume talks to save a season that is already starting to slip away.

Not since the players' association made a proposal on Sept. 9 have the sides been in contact, much less sat down at a negotiating table. The final six days of the old collective bargaining agreement passed with no movement, and commissioner Gary Bettman imposed the lockout when the deal expired Sept. 15.

Training camps were supposed to open the next day — but didn't.

And ever since, NHL teams have been calling off preseason games and the opening few games of the regular season, scheduled to start Oct. 13.

It's the third time an NHL season has been interrupted by a labor dispute; this might end up

being the longest lockout and the one that lasted 103 days and cut the 1994-95 season to 48 games.

"I would hope that at some point they would view it as in their court to reach out and call us and get something going again," said Bill Daly, the NHL's chief legal officer.

Clubs have been given permission to release previously booked dates for games on a 30-day rolling basis. So every day that passes will knock another possible playing date off the calendar.

The only talking that's taken place recently involved media interviews.

Both Daly and NHLPA senior director Ted Saskin appeared on U.S. and Canadian telecasts of the final game of the World Cup last week in Toronto. They shared the same cramped broadcast booths and shared their cases, but left without direct discussion.

"As I see it, the last proposal was made by us, so I'm not quite clear why the ball is in our court," Saskin said.

Bettman took part in a town-meeting telecast on Canadian television Tuesday. NHLPA executive director Bob Goodenow presented the union's position in a similar format Wednesday. But neither side seems ready to make another offer. Already, more than 100 employees from the NHL's central staff of about 225 have lost their jobs.

"I feel for the people who work in the buildings, and the effect it has on the economy in a lot of places," Hall of Fame coach Scott Bowman told The Canadian Press. "It's going to have quite a trickle-down effect on a lot of people's lives, and that's the most unfortunate aspect."

The NHLPA turned away six proposals by the league during the summer, rejecting them on the basis that each contained a salary-cap structure — a notion the league disputed. That was followed by a series of proposals that were quickly dismissed.

"There's no real consensus on how to find the common ground," Saskin said.

Wrecked hopes to regain points lost to Robberson's tantrum

BY DICK BRINSTER
The Associated Press

DOVER, Del. — Jeremy Mayfield won the pole in qualifying Friday at Dover International Speedway, putting behind him a wreck that seriously damaged his championship hopes in the Nextel Cup series.

Mayfield crashed last Sunday at New Hampshire after Robby Gordon intentionally spun Greg Biffle. A finish of 35th left Mayfield 142 points behind co-leaders Kurt Busch and Dale Earnhardt Jr. after the first of 10 races among the top 10 championship contenders.

But Mayfield won't curse his bad luck.

"We kind of like being the underdog," he said. "We're going to fight it out to the end."

On Sunday, he won't qualify as anything but the favorite in the MBNA 400 after taking the pole with ease. He got around The Monte Mile at 159.405 mph, giving him a qualifying sweep this year on the high-banked concrete oval.

"Any time you have a race track, you run pretty good at you're confident," he said. "Now we're just got to go out and win the race and get back the points that were taken away from last week."

Mayfield said a top starting spot on a narrow and treacherous track such as Dover is extremely valuable.

"Hopefully, that's going to keep

us out of trouble," he said. "You have a better shot to stay out of a wreck."

Mayfield said the leadership of car owner Ray Evernham and the motivation of the team help him stay confident.

"If we were going to quit, we could have done that before Richmond," he said.

Mayfield got his only victory of the season there two weeks ago, and that got him into the top 10. Busch, who won the Sylvania 300, qualified 13th Friday. Earnhardt wound up 16th on the 43-car grid.

"I was happy with the first lap, but on the second we got pretty loose," Earnhardt said. "Sometimes it's like running across railroad tracks."

Ryan Newman, also unlucky in New Hampshire, where he blew an engine late in the race, was second in a Dodge at 159.018.

"We'll just have to see what we can make the thing do in race trim," said Newman, who won both races here last year. "I think we can win again."

Newman, who fell 136 points off the pace, is not concerned about his engine.

"We realize what happened, and we fixed the thing," he said.

A surprising third in qualifying went to Brian Vickers. The 31-year-old went 158.346 in his backup Chevrolet after crashing his primary car in practice.

Elliott Sadler, sixth in the points race, was fourth in a Ford at 158.249.

MBNA America 400 lineup

After Friday qualifying: race Sunday
At Dover Downs International Speedway
Dover, Del.

Lap length: 1 mile

- (1) Jeremy Mayfield, Dodge, 159.405 mph
- (2) Ryan Newman, Dodge, 159.018
- (3) Brian Vickers, Chevrolet, 158.346
- (4) Greg Biffle, Ford, 158.249
- (5) Michael Waltrip, Chevrolet, 158.200
- (6) Bobby Labonte, Chevrolet, 157.980
- (7) Rusty Wallace, Dodge, 157.943
- (8) Matt Kenseth, Ford, 157.701
- (9) Jamie Johnson, Chevrolet, 157.680
- (10) Jamie McMurray, Dodge, 157.639
- (11) Dale Jarrett, Ford, 157.511
- (12) Mark Martin, Ford, 157.004
- (13) Jeff Gordon, Chevrolet, 156.973
- (14) Ricky Rudd, Ford, 157.439
- (15) Carl Edwards, Ford, 157.187
- (16) Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevrolet, 156.989
- (17) Ward Burton, Chevrolet, 156.965
- (18) Scott Riggs, Chevrolet, 156.815
- (19) Joe Nemechek, Chevrolet, 156.654
- (20) Brendan Gaughan, Dodge, 156.260
- (21) Davey Menzies, Dodge, 156.000
- (42) Kyle Petty, Dodge, 155.858
- (23) Greg Gerson, Dodge, 155.817
- (24) Scott Wimmer, Dodge, 155.682
- (25) Kevin Harvick, Chevrolet, 155.615
- (26) Ken Schrader, Dodge, 155.214
- (31) Robby Gordon, Chevrolet, 155.213
- (27) Ward Burton, Chevrolet, 155.213
- (40) Sterling Marlin, Dodge, 155.246
- (38) Kevin Lesage, Dodge, 155.000
- (36) Jimmy Spencer, Chevrolet, 154.613
- (39) Tony Raine, Chevrolet, 154.523
- (37) Bobby Labonte, Chevrolet, 154.232
- (35) Jeffery Miller, Dodge, 154.000
- (45) Terry Joe Ruffman, Dodge, provisional
- (46) Geoffrey Bodine, Ford, provisional
- (48) Morgan Shepherd, Dodge, provisional
- (47) Kirk Sheldrine, Ford, provisional

Failed to qualify

- (41) Herbie Sadler, Chevrolet, 153.984
- (40) Carl Long, Dodge, 152.452
- (42) Herbie Sadler, Chevrolet, 152.452
- (41) Greg Gerson, Dodge, 152.337
- (40) Jeffery Miller, Dodge, 152.337
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Roddick gives U.S. 1-0 lead over Belarus in Davis Cup

CHARLESTON, S.C. — Andy Roddick won his first Davis Cup match in his 6-1, 6-4 victory over Vladimir Volchokov on Friday to give the United States a 1-0 lead over Belarus in the Davis Cup semifinal.

Roddick's serve in the final game of the match eclipsed his own record of 153 mph sent in the Queen's Club tournament in England in June. Volchokov managed to get his racket on the ball but was unable to return it.

"I hit a good one. That's about it," Roddick said. "I think it's fun for the fans. To me, it's still a point."

Olympic silver medalist Mardy Fish faced Max Mirnyi in the second singles match on Friday.

Serena Williams, Sharapova advance in China Open

BEIJING — Top-seeded Serena Williams and Wimbledon champion Maria Sharapova reached the China Open semifinals when their opponents had to stop playing because of ankle injuries.

Also advancing Friday with a quarterfinal victory was U.S. Open champion Svetlana Kuznetsova. Vera Zvonareva or Anabel Medina Garrigues will complete the semifinal field.



Three victories during his streak of 13 straight top-five finishes have put Brazilian Tony Kanaan on the verge of his first IRL series title.

Consistent Kanaan closing in on title

BY STEVE HERMAN
The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — With two races left, Mr. Consistency Tony Kanaan is in an almost unbeatable position.

Three victories during an incredible streak of 13 straight top-five finishes have put the 29-year-old Brazilian on the verge of his first Indy Racing League series championship.

"I don't want to talk about the championship yet, but I have confidence I can do really well," he said. "I don't want to break the streak, and if I finish in top five one more time, the championship is ours."

Unlike last year, when Scott Dixon emerged from a pack of five drivers who still had a chance at winning the championship going into the final race, Kanaan can hardly see his closest challengers in his rearview mirrors.

The nearest is his Andretti Green teammate Dan Wheldon, 75 points behind. That means Kanaan can clinch the title by finishing fourth or better in the Toyota Indy 400 on Oct. 3 at California Speedway. Even if Wheldon wins that race and the season finale at Texas, Kanaan would get the championship by finishing at least ninth and 25th.

Realistically, Wheldon has almost no chance. But he won't concede.

"I think I can catch Tony, but it will be very difficult," Wheldon said. "I try to never think about the negative side of things. We've had a great year and have run off five straight top-four finishes, so I do think there's a chance."

Kanaan's worst race came in the season opener at Homestead, Fla., in which he finished eighth.

He won the next race at Phoenix in March and has not finished below fifth since then. His streak of five top-ones in which he has led in all but two races — also includes victories at Texas and Nashville, Tenn., and seconds at Japan, Indianapolis, Michigan and Nazareth, Pa. He made the series in laps completed, laps led, races led and top-10 and top-five finishes.

With 74,743.590 this year, Kanaan is second in winnings to Buddy Rice, whose \$2.6 million total included a record \$1.8 mil-

lion for winning the Indianapolis 500.

"Looking back to last year, we kind of were looking to see what we could have done better. The only thing was to win more races. That's what we've tried to do," said Kanaan, who had only one career IRL win before this season.

One reason for the Andretti Green success — Kanaan, Wheldon and teammates Dario Franchitti and Bryan Herta are all among the top eight in the season points — is the development of the new Honda engine, he said. Another is the close work among the four drivers and car owner Michael Andretti.

"We proved to everybody it's a big advantage if you know how to work with your teammates," Kanaan said. "We have such great relationship, it's helping us all."

Even in the heat of the title chase, he said, the drivers and crews are sharing information with one another.

"There's nothing I'm going to hide from my teammates just because we're fighting for the championship," Kanaan said. "It's a matter of my principles first, and the team's as well. I want to win in a fair situation. I don't want anybody to give it to me. I want to get it because I'm capable to get it."

Wheldon was the IRL rookie of the year in 2003, when he was 11th in the driver standings.

His first IRL victory was at Japan in April, and he added victories at Richmond, Va., and Nazareth. Franchitti, who drove in only three races last year because of back injuries from a motorcycle accident, won his first two IRL races — his 11th and 12th overall, including 10 in CART — at Milwaukee and Fountain, Colo., and is fifth in the standings.

Herta, hired by Andretti while Franchitti was injured and then became team manager at Kanaan's team, still looking for his first win this year.

Even though fourth place at California and Nazareth, Kanaan's championship, he'll be going for a victory.

"But obviously," he added, "I'm not that stupid. I know it away just because I see this situation of winning a race. If I feel I have the car to do it, I will."

Company withholds Armstrong bonus

The Associated Press

DALLAS — The company that owes Lance Armstrong \$5 million for winning a race, is withholding payment of the bonus, citing allegations in a French book that he used performance-enhancing drugs.

SCA Promotions points to doping allegations contained in "L.A. Confidential, the Secrets of Lance Armstrong," published in June by La Martiniere. Armstrong has denounced the book's claims as "absolutely untrue" and launched defamation lawsuits against the publisher and author.

Chris Compton, a lawyer for SCA, said the company wants to see Armstrong's medical records before releasing the money.

"We've requested [drug] test results to disprove the allegations — clean test results that should be easily attainable," Compton said Wednesday. "We're not playing on releasing them to the media or doing anything other than verifying that they exist."

Armstrong's U.S. federal cycling team filed suit this month in state court in Dallas, claiming the SCA didn't have the right to question Armstrong's Tour victories, which were upheld by cycling authorities.

The team, jointly owned and managed by Tailwind Sports and

Sports briefs

After Armstrong's third Tour victory in 2001, Tailwind paid SCA a \$420,000 premium to insure the risk for his bonuses in future years would be met by SCA. SCA paid Armstrong \$1.5 million in 2002 and \$3 million in 2003.

Nuggets give Rodman a look in comeback attempt

DENVER — Dennis Rodman is thinking about a comeback, and the Denver Nuggets are giving him a shot.

The 43-year-old former NBA rebounding champion briefly participated in a pickup game at the Nuggets facility earlier this week but had to cut short the workout because of an ingrown toenail.

General Manager Kiki Vandeweghe told Rodman he was welcome to return once the injury heals. Rodman's agent, Darren Prince, told The Denver Post that Rodman hopes to work out again with the Nuggets next week.

Rodman hasn't played in the NBA since the 1999-00 season.

Vandeweghe called Rodman's workout "informal."

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Yokota edges Kinnick

Samurai give Kubasaki first win vs. Kadena since '02 season

Stars and Stripes

Yokota's winning streak continues, but Nile C. Kinnick's stingy defense and icy weather on Friday conspired to give the Panthers a scare.

Chris Roach scored on a 3-yard run early in the fourth quarter, and Stefan Welch's extra-point kick proved to be the difference as the Panthers edged the Red Devils 17-7 in driving rain at Yokosuka Naval Base's Berkeley Field.

High school football

The Panthers (2-0), five-time defending Japan Football League and Kanto Plain Association of Schools champions, seized sole possession of first place in both leagues.

At Camp Foster, Okinawa, white-collar newcomer Leonard Wolfe led on an end-zone fumble and later returned a kickoff 79 yards for a touchdown as the Samurai scored Kubasaki's first victory over a Kadena team since the 2002 season, rallying past the Okinawa Activities Council defending champion Buccaneers 21-15.

The 2002 champions Samurai remained tied atop the Okinawa standings with the Kadena Islanders 17-7 winners over the Kubasaki Shogun.

Japan

Yokota 7, Nile C. Kinnick 6: It was the closest call Yokota's had since edging the Kubasaki Samurai 3-0 in the 2000 Spring Sun Bowl, and the closest Kinnick has come to beating the Panthers since the 2000 opener, when Yokota nipped the Red Devils 12-7.

Yokota has won 12 consecutive games on the field, but had to forfeit two games in the 2002 season for using an ineligible player. "We figured it was going to be a battle of the lines and two great runners," Yokota coach Tim Pujol said of Roach and Kinnick's Leonard Lynce. "The conditions dictated everything. There's no passing or anything fancy, straight-ahead power football and hard-hitting defense."

Yokota (2-1) had its way early, bullying close to the Yokota goal line three times in the first quarter, but not scoring.

After a scoreless first half, Kinnick broke through late in the third quarter when Lynce scored, but the extra-point was denied by Yokota's Mark Dixon.



DAVE ORNAUER/Stars and Stripes

Kubasaki Shogun QB Rafael Melo (2) tries to unfold the ball before being hit by Kadena Islanders' Grady Pennell on Friday at Kadena Air Base, Okinawa. Pennell recorded one of his two sacks on the play. The Islanders forced five turnovers, recorded five sacks and held the Shoguns to minus-53 yards in a 17-7 victory.

The Panthers responded with a 62-yard punt capped by Roach's game-tying score and Welch's game-winning kick. A late interception by D.J. McCarty snuffed Kinnick's last possession. Roach finished with 167 yards on 25 carries and McCarty had three returns for 72 yards. The Panthers' uncharacteristically coughed up four fumbles.

Lynce was held to 58 yards on 10 carries and had four returns for 47 yards. Senior fullback Adam Krievs had 108 yards on 25 carries, a fumble recovery and seven tackles.

Okinawa

Kubasaki Samurai 21, Kadena Buccaneers 15: After going 1-7 last season, the Samurai find themselves tied first on Okinawa, a perch they once occupied when they beat the Bucs 35-27 in the 2002 island championship game.

First-year Samurai coach Fred Bales refused to call it a "breakthrough" victory, but was happy nonetheless.

"It's just the second game of the season," he said. "I'm awfully proud of the guys. They were down twice (7-0 and 15-8) and fought all the way to the end. Great bunch of guys."

White's crucial plays, along with two drive-halting interceptions by Desmond Jackson and four Samurai drive-preserving interceptions by Jon Keith were difference makers, Bales said. Jackson's 1-yard third-quarter TD run proved to be the game-winner.

"These are guys who are new to our program," Bales said. "We're glad to have them."

The Samurai had to overcome a 202-yard, one-touchdown rushing

performance by junior Darnell Womach, who helped the mistake-prone Bucs outgain the Samurai 281 yards to 99.

The Bucs always seem to find a running back who can carry the mail," Bales said. "A class program."

Womach ran 80 yards for a score to make it 7-0 early and Tyler Schmidt tossed a 24-yard TD pass to Gary Wright to open the second half and give the Bucs a 15-8 lead. But four turnovers proved to be the Bucs' undoing.

Kadena Islanders 17, Kubasaki Shogun 7: At Kadena Air Base, Okinawa, the Islanders broke a 0-0 tie by scoring twice in a span of 1:09 in the third quarter, with each touchdown coming off a Shogun turnover.

Arnold Tillman fell on an end-zone fumble for the first score. Then Graig Morrison forced a fumble recovered by Grady Pennell that set up David McCowan's 1-yard plunge early in the third. Ted Avana added a 45-yard field goal at the start of the fourth quarter.

Terrell Chavis cut the margin to 10 points with a 3-yard plunge with 2:09 left, after the Shogun blocked an Islanders punt.

Pennell had two of the Islanders' five sacks and one of the team's four fumble recoveries. The Islanders forced five turnovers.

Despite the one-sided score and holding the Shogun to minus-53 yards on offense — the Islanders managed only 125 yards of offense.

"We have tons to work on, everyman," Islanders coach Sergio Mendoza said. "Execution, execution, execution, especially on the offensive side of the ball."

High school scoreboard

Football

	W	L	Pct.	PF	P
Kadena Islanders	2	0	1.000	43	
Kubasaki Samurai	2	0	1.000	34	2
Kubasaki Shogun	0	2	.000	14	3
Kadena Buccaneers	0	2	.000	15	

Friday's games
Saturday, Oct. 2
 Kubasaki Samurai 21, Kadena Buccaneers 15
 Kubasaki Shogun at Kadena Buccaneers, noon
 Kubasaki Samurai at Kadena Islanders, 3 p.m.

Japan football

Japan Football League

	W	L	Pct.	PF	P
Yokota	3	0	1.000	97	1
Nile C. Kinnick	1	1	.500	26	1
Robert D. Edgren	1	1	.500	21	6
Zama American	0	3	.000	18	6

Kanto Plain Association of Secondary Schools

	W	L	Pct.	PF	P
Yokota	2	0	1.000	41	
Nile C. Kinnick	2	1	.667	70	
American School In Japan	0	1	.000	0	
Zama American	0	2	.000	6	

Friday's game
Saturday's game
 ASIJ at Yokota, 10 a.m.
 Thursday, Sept. 30
 ASIJ at Yokota, 10 p.m.
 Friday, Oct. 1
 Nile C. Kinnick at Robert D. Edgren, 7 p.m.

Korea cross country

Wednesday's results

At Yonsei Garrison, Seoul, Korea

Boys team scores

Seoul Foreign 17, Seoul American 44

Seoul Foreign 15, Korea International 49

Girls team scores

1. Kazuoka, Seoul Foreign, 16 minutes, 59 seconds (course record, league season)

2. Giff, Womach, Seoul American, 17:25

3. Yauki, Guzman, Seoul Foreign, 18:34

4. Giff, Womach, Seoul American, 19:13

5. Jenson, Seung, Seoul Foreign, 19:39

6. Jenson, Seung, Seoul Foreign, 19:43

7. Henderson, Seoul American, 19:58

8. Jenson, Seung, Seoul Foreign, 20:11

9. Daniel Ching, Korea International, 20:21

10. Elliott, Seoul Foreign, 20:21

Girls team scores

Seoul American 15, Korea International 30

Seoul Foreign 15, Korea International 30

1. Alan, Seoul American, 20 minutes, 32 seconds

2. Cuthbert, Seoul American, 20:35

3. Jenson, Seung, Seoul American, 21:10

4. Jenson, Seung, Seoul American, 21:10

5. Jenson, Seung, Seoul American, 21:10

6. Jenson, Seung, Seoul American, 21:10

7. Jenson, Seung, Seoul American, 21:10

8. Jenson, Seung, Seoul American, 21:10

9. Jenson, Seung, Seoul American, 21:10

10. Jenson, Seung, Seoul American, 21:10

At Camp Hialeah, South Korea

Boys team scores

1. Billy Groves, Taegu, 35 seconds, 35 seconds

2. Jerry Carroll, Pusan, 18:42

3. Andrew Paulson, Taegu, 21:16

4. Anthony Paulson, Taegu, 21:16

5. Matthew Pace, Taegu, 21:34

6. Thomas Black, Taegu, 21:37

7. Kevin Hendrix, Taegu, 21:37

8. Dustin Price, Taegu, 21:37

9. Orlando Smith, Pusan, 21:45

10. Daniel Groves, Taegu, 31:45

Girls team scores

Pusan 29, Taegu 29

1. Brianna Carroll, Pusan, 19 minutes, 44 seconds (course record)

2. Andrea Paulson, Taegu, 22:45

3. Kristina Spangstedt, Pusan, 22:45

4. Sonja Charles, Seoul American, 24:30

5. Sarah Till, Taegu, 24:30

6. Aileen Kim, Taegu, 24:30

7. Brittany Weigle, Taegu, 24:30

8. Sarah Black, Taegu, 24:30

9. Linda Boush, Taegu, 27:28

Korea tennis

Thursday's results

At Yonsei Garrison, Seoul, Korea

Boys

Taegu Christian International 1

Singles

Jitan Kim, Taegu, def. Francis Lee 8-1

Seon Lee and Michael Huang, Seoul, def. Justin Hong and Sanders Oh, Seoul, def. Dennis Kwon and Justin Lee 6-0, ended early, darkness

Doubles

Seon Lee and Michael Huang, Seoul, def. Justin Hong and Sanders Oh, Seoul, def. Dennis Kwon and Justin Lee 6-0, ended early, darkness

Girls

Taegu Christian International 2

Singles

Michelle Lee, Seoul, def. Mallika Prakash, Seon Lee, Seoul, def. Sarah Kwon 8-6

Seon Lee, Seoul, def. Caroline Lee, injury

Doubles

Seon Lee and Michael Huang, Seoul, def. Justin Hong and Sanders Oh, Seoul, def. Dennis Kwon and Justin Lee 6-0, ended early, darkness

Girls

Taegu Christian International 3

Singles

Michelle Lee, Seoul, def. Mallika Prakash, Seon Lee, Seoul, def. Sarah Kwon 8-6

Seon Lee, Seoul, def. Caroline Lee, injury

Doubles

Seon Lee and Michael Huang, Seoul, def. Justin Hong and Sanders Oh, Seoul, def. Dennis Kwon and Justin Lee 6-0, ended early, darkness

Girls

Taegu Christian International 4

Singles

Michelle Lee, Seoul, def. Mallika Prakash, Seon Lee, Seoul, def. Sarah Kwon 8-6

Seon Lee, Seoul, def. Caroline Lee, injury

Doubles

Seon Lee and Michael Huang, Seoul, def. Justin Hong and Sanders Oh, Seoul, def. Dennis Kwon and Justin Lee 6-0, ended early, darkness

Girls

Taegu Christian International 5

Singles

Michelle Lee, Seoul, def. Mallika Prakash, Seon Lee, Seoul, def. Sarah Kwon 8-6

Seon Lee, Seoul, def. Caroline Lee, injury

Doubles

Seon Lee and Michael Huang, Seoul, def. Justin Hong and Sanders Oh, Seoul, def. Dennis Kwon and Justin Lee 6-0, ended early, darkness

Girls

Taegu Christian International 6

Singles

Michelle Lee, Seoul, def. Mallika Prakash, Seon Lee, Seoul, def. Sarah Kwon 8-6

Seon Lee, Seoul, def. Caroline Lee, injury

Doubles

Seon Lee and Michael Huang, Seoul, def. Justin Hong and Sanders Oh, Seoul, def. Dennis Kwon and Justin Lee 6-0, ended early, darkness

Girls

Taegu Christian International 7

Singles

Michelle Lee, Seoul, def. Mallika Prakash, Seon Lee, Seoul, def. Sarah Kwon 8-6

Seon Lee, Seoul, def. Caroline Lee, injury

Doubles

Seon Lee and Michael Huang, Seoul, def. Justin Hong and Sanders Oh, Seoul, def. Dennis Kwon and Justin Lee 6-0, ended early, darkness

Girls

Taegu Christian International 8

Singles

Michelle Lee, Seoul, def. Mallika Prakash, Seon Lee, Seoul, def. Sarah Kwon 8-6

Seon Lee, Seoul, def. Caroline Lee, injury

Doubles

Seon Lee and Michael Huang, Seoul, def. Justin Hong and Sanders Oh, Seoul, def. Dennis Kwon and Justin Lee 6-0, ended early, darkness

Girls

Taegu Christian International 9

Singles

Michelle Lee, Seoul, def. Mallika Prakash, Seon Lee, Seoul, def. Sarah Kwon 8-6

Seon Lee, Seoul, def. Caroline Lee, injury

Doubles

Seon Lee and Michael Huang, Seoul, def. Justin Hong and Sanders Oh, Seoul, def. Dennis Kwon and Justin Lee 6-0, ended early, darkness

Girls

Taegu Christian International 10

Singles

Michelle Lee, Seoul, def. Mallika Prakash, Seon Lee, Seoul, def. Sarah Kwon 8-6

Seon Lee, Seoul, def. Caroline Lee, injury

Doubles

Seon Lee and Michael Huang, Seoul, def. Justin Hong and Sanders Oh, Seoul, def. Dennis Kwon and Justin Lee 6-0, ended early, darkness

Girls

Taegu Christian International 11

Singles

Michelle Lee, Seoul, def. Mallika Prakash, Seon Lee, Seoul, def. Sarah Kwon 8-6

Seon Lee, Seoul, def. Caroline Lee, injury

Doubles

Seon Lee and Michael Huang, Seoul, def. Justin Hong and Sanders Oh, Seoul, def. Dennis Kwon and Justin Lee 6-0, ended early, darkness

Girls

Taegu Christian International 12

Singles

Michelle Lee, Seoul, def. Mallika Prakash, Seon Lee, Seoul, def. Sarah Kwon 8-6

Seon Lee, Seoul, def. Caroline Lee, injury

Doubles

Seon Lee and Michael Huang, Seoul, def. Justin Hong and Sanders Oh, Seoul, def. Dennis Kwon and Justin Lee 6-0, ended early, darkness

Girls

Taegu Christian International 13

Singles

Michelle Lee, Seoul, def. Mallika Prakash, Seon Lee, Seoul, def. Sarah Kwon 8-6

Seon Lee, Seoul, def. Caroline Lee, injury

Doubles

Seon Lee and Michael Huang, Seoul, def. Justin Hong and Sanders Oh, Seoul, def. Dennis Kwon and Justin Lee 6-0, ended early, darkness

Girls

Taegu Christian International 14

Singles

Michelle Lee, Seoul, def. Mallika Prakash, Seon Lee, Seoul, def. Sarah Kwon 8-6

Seon Lee, Seoul, def. Caroline Lee, injury

Doubles

Seon Lee and Michael Huang, Seoul, def. Justin Hong and Sanders Oh, Seoul, def. Dennis Kwon and Justin Lee 6-0, ended early, darkness

Girls

Taegu Christian International 15

Singles

Michelle Lee, Seoul, def. Mallika Prakash, Seon Lee, Seoul, def. Sarah Kwon 8-6

Seon Lee, Seoul

Fayre, Manning set for quarterback battle

By MICHAEL MAROT
The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Brett Favre looks at Peyton Manning and sees the resemblance. Both play with passion, toughness and a relentless desire to win.

Favre probably couldn't envision a better heir to his throne as the NFL's best quarterback — when he's ready to abdicate the crown.

"It's kind of out with the old and in with the new. That's just the way it is," Favre said.

Sunday's game between Green Bay (1-1) and Indianapolis (1-1) might appear a symbolic stage for Favre to hand the reins to Manning, last year's co-MVP. Don't bet on it.

Favre, among the NFL's elder statesmen of quarterbacks at age 34, still has plays to make, championships to win and plenty to achieve.

He needs one completion to join Dan Marino and John Elway as the only members of the 4,000 club. Should Favre throw a touchdown pass Sunday, he also would break a fourth-place tie for consecutive games with a TD pass (28) by moving past Chris Chandler and yes, Manning.

And then there is the one stat that startles Manning: Favre's streak of consecutive starts. Favre is about to make his 192nd consecutive regular-season start, Manning his 99th.

If playoff games are counted, it would mark the first time in league history two NFL quarterbacks with 100 straight starts were opponents.

"It is absolutely amazing," Manning said of Favre's streak. "I hope to break it some day, I really do. But he's got to help me out first. I'm not making up any ground."

Manning certainly is showing some signs of improvement at age 28.

A year ago, he produced his best season as a pro, completing 67 percent of his passes, throwing



Green Bay Packers at Indianapolis Colts

5 a.m. Monday
AFN-Atlantic

Game time is Japan/Korea Standard.

29 touchdowns and just 10 interceptions for a final rating of 99.0. Like Favre, he led his team deep into the playoffs, and has returned this year amid higher expectations after signing a franchise-record \$98 million contract. So far, Manning's lived up to the hype. In two games, he has four touchdown passes, one interception and a rating of 104.9.

But choosing which is best seems to depend on one's loyalties.

"They're like 1A and 1B or 1A and 1A," Packers safety Darren Sharper said. "I'm not going to say he's better than Brett, but he's right up there with him."

Favre does have his chinks and one of the biggest has been playing in dome stadiums.

Despite a resume that includes three MVP awards and a Super Bowl ring, Favre has been vulnerable indoors, where he is just 12-21.

The last time Favre came to Indianapolis, in 1997, the 0-10 Colts upset the Super Bowl-bound Packers 41-38.

One man who has seen Favre at his best and worst is Colts coach Tony Dungy, who helped construct defenses in Minnesota and Tampa Bay that gave Favre fits.

"I used to joke with him all time when when we played at Lambeau," Dungy said. "I'd walk over to him during pregame warmups and say 'Why don't you take that pill you take in the dome and use the ball a couple of times?'"

Favre may have some advantages this time.



Green Bay Packers quarterback Brett Favre needs one completion to join Dan Marino and John Elway in the 4,000 club.

The Colts could be without running back Edgerrin James, who strained his left hamstring on a 30-yard touchdown run at Tennessee last week. If James can't play, Dominic Rhodes will start.

Indianapolis' secondary also has been battered by injuries.

Starting safety Mike Doss likely won't play because of a pulled right hamstring, and cornerback Donald Strickland probably will play despite a sore right shoulder. Any more injuries could force some unenviable matchups between Favre and rookie defensive backs.

Favre also has a supporting cast tailor made to expose the Colts' biggest hole, run defense. Indianapolis is allowing 5.0 yards per carry and the Packers almost certainly will try to exploit that weakness with Alhman Green, the NFL's top rusher.

"They are fantastic players and they are both tough to stop," Dungy said.

So is Manning. But is the younger gun with a similar Southern background and aw-shucks demeanor ready to supplant Favre as the NFL's top quarterback?

Dungy doesn't believe that's going to happen Sunday.

"Five years ago, there was no doubt who the best quarterback in the NFL was," Dungy said. "Brett probably won't tell you this, but he's probably ready to pass that mantle in the next couple of years."

Surprising Lions aiming to go 3-0

By DAVE GOLDBERG
The Associated Press

Philadelphia opened with two impressive home wins, establishing its credentials as the contender its fans thought it would be.

Now the Eagles go to Detroit to play the Lions, who are 2-0 after going 10-38 the past three seasons.

Included: an opening-day win in Chicago that ended an NFL-record 24-game road losing streak.

The Lions are getting help from a very strong draft class, led by wide receiver Roy Williams, running back Kevin Jones and line-backer Teddy Lehman. That has partially offset injuries to two of last year's top-grade rookies: Charles Rogers and Boss Bailey.

The youngsters are smart, too. "We've won just two games, that's all," Williams said. "Come back in the 14th game of the season, when we have a winning record, and I'll show more excitement."

The Eagles, the only NFL team to win both its games by double-digit margins, are favored by four. Both big-money additions, Jevon Kearse and Terrell Owens, have made major contributions: Owens as the top receiver they've lacked, and Kearse as a constant pass-rushing threat even though he has yet to register a sack.

Still, the Eagles are not invincible. Williams could exploit their young cornerbacks, and the Lions are unlikely to make as many mistakes at home as the Vikings made Monday night. Minnesota moved the ball well, and so did the Giants in the opener, but it's hard to win in Philly.

After the past three seasons, 8-8 or 9-7 would be a successful year in Detroit.

It would be a disaster in Philadelphia. ... **EAGLES, 24-17.**
Green Bay (plus 6) at Indianapolis.



Detroit running back Kevin Jones (34) and the Lions are 2-0 heading into their game vs. the Eagles.

olis: Brett Favre vs. Peyton Manning for just the second time: They met in Green Bay four years ago and Favre won 26-24. ...

MANNING, 26-24.
Dallas (plus 2) at Washington (Monday night): Bill Parcells is 11-6 against Joe Gibbs, winning 11 of the last 14 meetings. ... **COWBOYS, 11-6.**

Tampa Bay (plus 3) at Oakland: Oakland East has yet to score a TD on offense. Warren Sapp's revenge. ... **RAIDERS, 10-6.**

Pittsburgh (plus 1) at Miami: A rookie QB for Pittsburgh, a dismal offense for Miami. Unless there are defensive TDs ... **DOLPHINS, 5-3.**

Jacksonville (plus 6) at Tennessee: The Jaguars have managed to win twice despite scoring just 20 points. ... **TITANS, 17-6.**

San Francisco (plus 11) at Seattle: Seattle was 8-0 at home last year, but the 49ers play defense well enough to keep it close. ... **AHAWKS, 20-13.**

Baltimore (minus 3) at Cincinnati: Carson Palmer played cautiously last week but still led a game-winning drive. Reprise. ... **BENGALS, 16-13.**

Chicago (plus 9 1/2) at Minnesota: Tough to win back-to-back in Green Bay and Minneapolis, especially with three top DBs gone. ... **VIKINGS, 27-10.**

Houston (plus 8 1/2) at Kansas City: Neither team is what it was supposed to be, but the Chiefs were supposed to be better than the Texans. ... **CHIEFS, 26-13.**

Cleveland (plus 3) at New York Giants: Kellen Winslow's injury spoiled a Hurricanes' reunion with Jeremy Shockey. ... **GIANTS, 23-15.**

San Diego (plus 10) at Denver: From 1-0 to 1-15? The Chargers aren't that bad, but ... **BRONCOS, 34-14.**

Arizona (plus 10) at Atlanta: Dennis Green made the playoffs eight of his 10 seasons in Minnesota. That doesn't happen in Arizona. ... **FALCONS, 33-11.**

New Orleans (plus 7) at St. Louis: Early season travails again for the Saints. ... **RAMS, 32-14.**

LAST WEEK: 11-5 spread, 25-7 (straight up).
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Denver Broncos safety John Lynch is unable to stop Jacksonville Jaguars wide receiver Ernest Wilford (19) from scoring the game's only touchdown in the second quarter on Sept. 19. The Jaguars won 7-6.

Jaguars not afraid of Titans

BY TERESA M. WALKER
The Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — When it comes to the Jacksonville-Tennessee rivalry, Byron Leftwich isn't a history buff.

"I've only been here a year," the Jaguars quarterback said with a laugh.

He's not alone. The surprising 2-0 Jaguars have added 36 players since the 2002 season ended.

Only four Jaguars remain from 1999, when they lost three games to the Titans, including the AFC championship game. The Titans have won nine of the last 11 in this series, including all five games played at The Coliseum.

Leftwich says all that matters is the present, and veteran Jaguars running back Fred Taylor agrees.

"Forget about all the stuff that's happened in the past. This is a new year. You can throw all that stuff out. It's brand new teams, and the best team will win on Sunday," Taylor said.

One thing remains unchanged in this rivalry: Whoever wins Sunday takes a big step in the division. The Jaguars are now atop the AFC South, their first division lead since the end of the 1999 season.

The Titans (1-1), upset with themselves after a 31-17 loss to Indianapolis, try to avoid a losing skid this early.

"I don't think it's Jacksonville of old," Titans left tackle Brad



Hopkins said. "It's definitely different circumstances, and I think it's almost a must-win for us because we've got to get back on track."

The Jaguars won their first two games with late plays, including a 7-6 victory over Denver last week. Titans coach Jeff Fisher refuses to call Jacksonville's record a product of luck.

"There are a lot of teams that have scored a lot of points that are 0-2," Fisher said. "2-0 is 2-0. ... They win the game because they make a play they need to at the end."

Jacksonville has won with a defense that has allowed 16 points total, and the Jaguars have scored just 20 points. The Jags are holding teams to an AFC-low 2.8 yards per rush and haven't allowed a touchdown rushing.

"They have embraced the physical part, and we anticipate developing as a football team and growing and getting a little better

week to week," Jaguars coach Jack Del Rio said. "That is the challenge for us."

The Titans certainly will test them.

Steve McNair may have Tyrone Calico (sprained knees) available for the first time this season, along with Jake Schiffrino to boost the receiving corps. Derrick Mason and Drew Bennett also have something to prove after dropping wide TD passes against the Colts.

Chris Brown will try to become the second NFL running back to rush for 100 yards in each of his first three starts against a defense that has an NFL-best streak of 17 straight games without allowing a 100-yard rusher. Stump Mitchell did it for the St. Louis Cardinals in the 1980s.

"Everyone thinks it's a fluke," Jaguars linebacker Mike Peterson said of the streak. "Every week, the teams have a top running back, and they don't shy away from the run against us. I'm sure Chris Brown is saying to his coach, 'Coach, run me, run me. Don't shy away from the run.'"

Five of the last seven games in this series have been decided by single digits, including a 10-3 Titans victory Nov. 16. Del Rio thinks his offense will improve if the Jaguars can upgrade little things running and converting third downs.

Only the 1942 Chicago Cardinals ever started 2-0 while scoring only 20 points.

Chargers, Broncos still trying to find strengths

BY EDDIE PELLIS
The Associated Press

DENVER — The team with the mastermind on offense couldn't get into the end zone last week. The team with the defensive-minded coach gave up 34 points.

Two weeks into the season, it's safe to say the Denver Broncos and San Diego Chargers are still trying to figure out exactly who they are and what they do best. The teams meet Sunday, both with 1-1 records and both coming off losses.

The Broncos lost 7-6 to the Jaguars. The Chargers lost 34-28 to the Jets.

"I think what you do as a head coach is you forget about offense and defense and you bring in players you feel will complement where you are in your program," Chargers coach Marty Schottenheimer said.

Maybe that explains why Schottenheimer, who has always focused on defense, used a first-round pick to take quarterback Philip Rivers, even though his team already has Drew Brees and Doug Flutie.

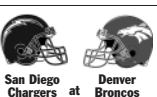
And maybe that explains why Mike Shanahan, the offensive genius, traded away his star running back, Clinton Portis, to get cornerback Champ Bailey.

For Denver, the defensive moves are paying off. Even though the Broncos lost last week, they won only 176 yards.

But now, offense is the issue. Jake Plummer struggled throughout the preseason, and though the Broncos got off to a strong start in the opener against Kansas City, last week's six-point performance against Jacksonville has brought up new questions.

Question No. 1: Is Quentin Griffin a fumbler? He lost one against the Chiefs and one against the Jaguars that cost Denver the game. Although Shanahan and Griffin each insist there's no big problem, Griffin was visibly upset and felt like he let his team down.

"He's going to face this, and I think it's key for him how he gets over this," Plummer said. "It's how he gets over the whole thing and lets it go. I have full faith that he is going to come out here and practice hard and have a great game on Sunday."



Question No. 2: Can Plummer be the guy to lead the team to a championship? When he's good, he's good. But he couldn't lead the Broncos to a touchdown despite holding the ball for 37 minutes last week. And that left-handed interception against the Chiefs had to send chills down Shanahan's spine.

Denver will find more answers this week against a 3-4 scheme designed by defensive coordinator Wade Phillips — he coached the Broncos in 1993-94 — who was brought in to improve a defense that ranked 27th last season.

Because it's seen less than traditional defenses, the 3-4 is supposed to cause problems. Through two games, though, the Chargers have allowed 48 points and 716 yards.

Schottenheimer has long been involved with the 3-4 and says it's easier to find personnel to run it.

"My sense is that the versatility it brings is probably the No. 1 criteria for it," he said. "I think secondly, you've got an opportunity when you're only looking for three down linemen, that you may be able to find enough to put that complement together."

In other words, the Chargers would rather attack with linebackers Donnie Edwards and Randall Godfrey than leave it to a relatively unaccomplished group of linemen.

Thus far, it has been the offense that has been surprisingly effective for the Chargers.

Brees has an 88.8 passer rating, and is expected to start Sunday despite leaving last week's game with a concussion. And LaDain Tomlinson has run for 208 yards and two scores.

One thing Tomlinson has never had is a good game on the road against the Broncos. He has yet to crack 80 yards or score a touchdown in three games at Denver.

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Arrington sidelined 2-4 weeks

BY JOSEPH WHITE
The Associated Press

ASHBURN, Va. — Washington Redskins linebacker LaVar Arrington is expected to miss two to four weeks after a sudden flare-up forced him to have surgery on his right knee.

Arrington missed practice Thursday to repair torn cartilage in the knee that has been bothering the three-time Pro Bowl linebacker since the opening-week victory over Tampa Bay.

Arrington will be on crutches for at least a week.

"It's just one of those things that happens and you've got to take care of," coach Joe Gibbs said. "He's somebody that we think is going to play for a long time, so we want to take good care of him."

Meanwhile, quarterback Mark Brunell was a spectator again during practice because of a strained

NFL injury update

Injuries to prominent NFL players, followed by team's progress to upcoming game.

Browns CB Dayton McCutcheon (broken finger) game-time decision; CB Anthony Henry (concussion) game-time decision; TE Kellen Winslow (broken leg) out; OT Ryan Tucker (strained quadriceps) out; OT Gerard Warren (strained chest muscle) out.

Chargers QB Drew Brees (mild concussion) likely to play.

Colts SE Edgerin James (strained hamstring) expected to start.

Dolphins RB Warren (knee sprained) expected to play.

Giants SS Shaun Williams (knee) questionable.

Titans WR Tyrone Callis (knee) questionable.

Vikings RB Michael Bennett (knee) out.

hamstring. Gibbs stopped short of declaring Patrick Ramsey the starter for Monday night's game against Dallas, but the coach said that would be his expectation "from what we know today."

Arrington said he hurt his knee when he "took a bad step" during the game against the Bucs. He played Sunday in a loss to the Giants and made seven tackles.

Arrington and Brunell are not the only Redskins hurt. Defensive end Phillip Daniels is out after two weeks with a strained groin, and middle linebacker Mike Barrow has yet to play this season because of tendinitis in his knee. Right tackle Jon Jansen is out for the season.

R. Williams ordered to repay \$8.6 million

The Associated Press

MIAMI — Former Miami Dolphins running back Ricky Williams was ordered Friday to repay the team more than \$8.6 million for breaching his contract when he suddenly quit before training camp.

Arbitrator Richard Bloch ruled Friday that Williams must repay \$8,616,353 in bonus money under the contract he left behind when he shocked the Dolphins with his sudden retirement. The contract ran through 2007.

"We are pleased that Mr. Bloch has confirmed that Ricky Williams breached his contract with the Dolphins and is required to repay compensation," NFL senior vice president/general counsel Dennis Curran said. "This decision is consistent with many other cases that have affirmed the right of NFL clubs and players to negotiate compensation based on the player's fulfillment of the contract."

The Dolphins declined comment Friday, saying they only talk about players on their roster.

Williams' agent, Leigh Steinberg, was out of the country, his office said. He didn't immediately return a phone message left Friday.

The Dolphins had filed a grievance against Williams, asking an arbitrator to uphold their contractual right to recover the money paid to him between the signing bonus and incentives. Before the grievance, the Dolphins mailed a letter to Williams asking him to report or pay the money back.

Williams also called the team, telling them he would come back if he received a new contract. The Dolphins declined that request.

Williams has many reasons why he called Dolphins coach Dave Wannstedt days before workouts were to begin in July to tell him he was quitting. Williams had expressed displeasure with his contract, an excessive workload and new offensive coordinator Chris Foerster.

Fast start, sloppy finish for Miami

Offensively challenged Canes build early 21-0 lead, but struggle at Houston

BY JOEL ANDERSON
The Associated Press

HOUSTON — Tyrone Moss rushed for 148 yards and two touchdowns, Tavaras Gooden recovered a blocked punt in the end zone for a score in the opening minute, and Baraka Atkins scored on a 52-yard fumble return in fourth-ranked Miami's listless 38-13 victory over Houston on Thursday night.

"There are some things we have to correct," Moss said. "I know nobody's going to have their best game every week."

Miami (3-0) clearly didn't have its best game against Houston.

The Cougars (1-3) were playing their fourth game in 19 days and haven't been ranked opponent in eight years.

Miami quarterback Brock Berlin, who missed several open receivers and fumbled late in the first half to set up Houston's only touchdown, completed 13 of 23 passes for 99 yards and was sacked seven times, often because of his own poor decisions in the pocket.

"We were a little shaky at times," Berlin said. "We didn't have a whole lot of success with the passing game."

Miami's defense also allowed its first touchdown of the season:



Houston punter Justin Laird, left, had his first attempt blocked Thursday when Miami's Anthony Reddick, center, rushed in to touch back the kick. Tavaras Gooden (52) recovered the ball in the end zone for the game's first score.



Miami defensive end Baraka Atkins returns a fumble 52 yards for a score Thursday night. The Canes' defense also gave up its first touchdown of the season.

quarterback Kevin Kolb's 6-yard sprint into the end zone in the final moments of the first half. The Cougars' sideline erupted in celebration, with a few players tossing their helmets into the air.

The Hurricanes had gone 11 quarters and an overtime without giving up an offensive touchdown.

Thought to be one of the favorites for a national title, Miami received plenty of flaws against a team that was a four-touchdown underdog and was without its leading rusher. The Hurricanes gave up 132 rushing yards and some big plays against Houston's inexperienced offensive line.

"We wanted to show the country that we were a team that was not going to let another team come in here and walk all over us," said Houston defensive end Joe Clay, who had three sacks.

Houston tailback Anthony Evans, who rushed for 282 yards against Army last week, missed the game after straining his right calf during the pregame warmup.

Predictably, Houston got off to a rough start without him.

The Cougars barely got their first play off on time, dropped a pass on the third play, committed a false-start penalty on the next and were nearly intercepted on third down. Gooden scored on Anthony Reddick's blocked punt on fourth down, 55 seconds into the game.

Frank Gore and Moss added a

couple of short scoring runs to give Miami a 21-0 lead early in the second quarter. Gore, coming off his second major knee surgery in two years, had 8 yards on six carries but did not play after the first quarter.

The Hurricanes didn't score again on offense until Moss' 5-yard run with 3:46 remaining in the first half.

Miami left tackle Eric Winston said the Hurricanes simply got bored midway through the game. "Luckless is the word," Winston said. "We got up early a couple of touchdowns and we just packed it in a little bit. We've got to learn to put people away."

Houston, which lost 63-13 at No. 2 Oklahoma two weeks ago, seemed to gain confidence as the game progressed.

"It took us about a quarter to calm down," Kolb said. "I was a little jittery in the beginning, but I calmed down and we started to click."

Houston failed to score on many chances deep in Miami territory. The Cougars drove inside Miami's 20-yard line five times, and came away with Kolb's touchdown run and two field goals.

Ryan Gibeau, a transfer from LSU, proved to be an adequate replacement for Evans. He rushed for a career-high 84 yards on 26 carries.

No. 4 Miami 38, Houston 13		
Miami	14 to 17-3	
Houston	3 to 3-0-11	
First Quarter		
Mia—Gooden recovered fumble in end zone (Peattie kick), 14:25.		
Mia—Gore 4 yard (Peattie kick), 5:51.		
Second Quarter		
Mia—T-Moss 52 yard (Peattie kick), 14:57.		
Hou—FG Bell 26, 11:16.		
Mia—FG Peattie 4, 8:15.		
Hou—Kolb 6 yard (Bell kick), 12:2.		
Third Quarter		
Mia—Atkins 52 fumble return (Peattie kick), 14:57.		
Hou—FG Bell 27, 6:23.		
Fourth Quarter		
Mia—T-Moss 5 yard (Peattie kick), 3:46.		
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Final Stats		
First downs	Mia	Hou
Rushes-yards	40-17	44-117
Passing	59	53
Comp-Att-Int	13-22-0	11-28-3
Punts-yards	5-36	6-32
Fumbles-Lost	7-59	4-29
Time of possession	32:29	30:21

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
Rushing—Miami: T-Moss 51-48, Parish 1-2, Gore 1-5, Gore 6-8, Jenkins 1-5, Johnson 2-3, Hill 2-3, team 1 (minus 3), Berlin 7 (minus 10). **Houston:** Gilbert 6-8, Battle 8-36, Schirmer 1-5, Kolb 8-4, Marshall 1-3.

Receiving—Miami: Parish 3-26, Jolly 2-14, Jenkins 2-6, Leggett 1-16, Olsen 1-12, S-Moss 11-11, Hill 1-11, Everett 1-3, Houston.

Marshall 4-7, Marshall 2-17, Bassler 1-21, Hughes 1-8, Schirmer 1-32, Gilbert 1-10, Avery 1-8.

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New home for Expos is likely to be in D.C.

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Major league baseball will try to complete negotiations within a week to move the Montreal Expos to Washington next year.

Baseball's executive council met for three hours Thursday in Milwaukee at the offices of baseball commissioner Bud Selig and heard a presentation from the relocation committee. While no formal recommendation was made, the preference of the committee for the downtown Washington group was evident, a high-ranking baseball official said, speaking on the condition of anonymity.

Selig told the council he would move forward to conclude a deal as quickly as possible, the baseball official said, and left a clear impression with the council members that it would be with the group from the nation's capital, which has been competing with a rival offer from Northern Virginia.

Baltimore Orioles owner Peter Angelos, a member of the eight-owner council, reiterated during the meeting that he opposes having a team relocate to downtown Washington, about 40 miles from Baltimore's Camden Yards ballpark, saying it would take away fans and revenue from his franchise.

Angelos was supported during the meeting by New York Mets owner Fred Wilpon and San Francisco Giants owner Peter Magowan, the official said.

Baseball officials will press ahead with talks with the Washington group and Angelos, the official said. The move would be the first in the major leagues since the expansion Washington Senators became the Texas Rangers after the 1971 season.

Bob DuPuy, baseball's chief operating officer, said Angelos "has made his views known clearly with regard to the effect that he believes



Baseball's Bob DuPuy comments on a meeting to discuss moving the Expos to Washington D.C.

a team in the D.C. area will have on the Baltimore Orioles and he articulated those views."

"Mr. Angelos' concerns, which are shared by the commissioner and have been all along, have always been a serious issue."

Angelos was not available for comment. DuPuy hopes to have a decision by the end of the regular season on Oct. 3.

"I think we're all running out of time," he said.

The Expos were bought by the other 29 teams before the 2002 season. After the relocation decision, baseball plans to start the talks to sell the club, which started play in 1969.

Northern Virginia proposed building a stadium in Loudoun County near Dulles International Airport, about 60 miles from Camden Yards.

Mark Tuohy, chairman of the D.C. Sports and Entertainment Commission, said legislation must be introduced by Oct. 1 for the proposed \$13 million renovation of RFK Stadium in order for funding to become law by Dec. 31, when the terms expire for several City Council members who support a Washington baseball team. The legislation would include financing for a ballpark costing slightly more than \$400 million, he said.

Under Washington's plan, the Expos would play in RFK Stadium for three seasons before moving to a new ballpark.

At no-for-one deal

Astros' playoff hopes still alive; L.A. adds game to lead over S.F.

The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — With one swing of the bat, Lance Berkman revived the Houston Astros' playoff hopes — and gave the Los Angeles Dodgers a much-needed reprieve.

Berkman hit a three-run homer off Dustin Hermanson, highlighting a five-run ninth inning that sent Houston to a 7-3 victory over San Francisco on Thursday night. A loss would have put the Astros four games behind the Giants in the NL wild-card race. Instead, they remained 2½ games behind

the Chicago Cubs, who beat Pittsburgh 6-3 and took a half-game lead over San Francisco.

"This has been crazy," Berkman said. "It seems like every time we're on the brink of destruction or elimination, something crazy happens."

The Giants dropped 1½ games behind the NL West-leading Dodgers.

Los Angeles, which starts a three-game series in San Francisco on Friday night, beat San Diego 9-6.

The Astros trailed 3-2 when Carlos Beltran and Jeff Bagwell opened the ninth with singles. Bagwell's dribbler took an inexplicable 90-degree turn to stay fair down the third-base line. Berkman followed with a 29th homer, which hung high in the air before barely reaching the first row of seats in the elevated arcade on the right-field wall.

The Giants quickly came unglued after that. Hermanson (6-7) and manager Felipe Alou were ejected when the reliever hit Jeff Kent with the next pitch.

"I'm not going to say anything about it," Hermanson said. "I just didn't do my job tonight. I was going for a ground ball with Berkman. The ball was down and in, and he golfed it out."

The Astros added two more in the ninth as Jason Lee's RBI single and Raul Chavez's sacrifice bunt.

Dan Miceli (6-6) got one out in the eighth to get the victory.

Both clubs were warned after benches cleared in the third, when rookie Brandon Backe nearly hit Barry Bonds with a low pitch.

"We've got no beef with Barry Bonds," Houston manager Phil Garner said. "We've got absolutely no reason to hit anybody on that ballclub."

Dodgers 9, Padres 6: Cesar Izturza homered and Adrian Beltrán had three hits for visiting Los Angeles. The Dodgers knocked out Brian Lawrence (15-13) after four innings and went up 7-0 in the fifth.

Rookie Yency Brazoban (3-0) pitched two scoreless innings in relief before giving way to Eric



A fan gets the better of Florida's Jeff Conine in a bid to grab a foul ball in Thursday night's game against Philadelphia, won 9-8 by the Phils.

Gagne, who pitched a perfect eighth before allowing two runs in the ninth. He held on for his 43rd save in 45 chances.

Dodgers starter Kazuhisa Ishii allowed four runs and four hits in 4½ innings, walking six and striking out five. Rookie Yency Brazoban (3-0) pitched two scoreless innings in relief before giving way to Eric Gagne, who pitched a perfect eighth before allowing two runs in the ninth. He held on for his 43rd save in 45 chances.

Phillies 9, Marlins 8 (10): Jimmy Rollins homered off Armando Benitez (2-2) in the 10th inning as visiting Philadelphia moved Florida within one game of playoff elimination.

Billy Wagner (4-0), who gave up the tying run in the ninth, got the win. Todd Jones got three outs for his second save.

Philadelphia's Jim Thome hit a three-run home run in the fifth — his 42nd.

In the ninth, Juan Encarnacion led off with a double and moved to third on Alex Gonzalez's sacrifice. Juan Pierre then hit a sharp grounder that third baseman David Bell mishandled. Bell's throw was late to first, allowing Encarnacion to score the tying run and force extra innings.

Reds 3, Braves 2: Gabe White earned his first save in over four years as visiting Cincinnati prevented Atlanta from clinching its 13th consecutive division title.

The Braves' magic number in the NL East was reduced to one when Philadelphia beat Florida.

With one out in the ninth and the Reds ahead 3-1, White came on with the bases loaded. Chipper Jones hit a sacrifice fly to make it 3-2 but Johnny Estrada popped to second. It was White's first save since September 1, 2000.

Rockies 7-2, Diamondbacks 1-1: Jeremy Burnitz drove in the winning run with a bloop single in the 10th to complete host Colorado's sweep. Todd Helton doubled to right to start the 10th against Randy Choate (2-4), who then walked Vinny Castilla intentionally. Burnitz followed with a single in front of left fielder Andy Green.

Allan Simpson (2-1) worked a scoreless 10th to earn the victory.

In the opener, Jeff Francis (3-2) gave up one run and seven hits and matched a career high by striking out eight. Arizona's Brandon Webb (6-16) allowed three runs and seven hits in six innings.

Mets 4, Expos 2: Tom Glavine (10-13) won for just the third time since mid-June and Gerald Williams and Victor Diaz homered for visiting New York. Braden Looper pitched the ninth for his 27th save in 32 chances.

Brad Wilkerson went 3-for-4 with two homers for Montreal. Tono Oika (3-6) made his first start since breaking his forearm June 10. He allowed eight hits and four runs in five innings.

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Ortiz's flub ball falls short; so do Red Sox

Boston falls 4½ games behind New York in AL East heading into Fenway showdown

The Associated Press

BOSTON — David Ortiz's fly ball headed toward the right-field fence and for an instant, it appeared the Boston Red Sox would rally for another improbable victory.

Not this time.

David Newhan caught Ortiz's bid for a three-run homer at the edge of the warning track for final out, and Baltimore hung on for a 9-7 victory.

Thursday night that dropped Boston 4½ games behind New York going into this weekend's Fenway Park showdown against the Yankees.

"I was looking at it and I'm like, 'Come on, baby. Do your thing,'" Ortiz said. "In some ballpark, that ball's in the upper deck. No doubt about it. Yankee Stadium — we'd be celebrating."

The Red Sox won Tuesday on Mark Bellhorn's single in the ninth, then made it two in a row on Orlando Cabrera's 12th-inning homer on Wednesday night. Boston seemed primed for a third consecutive comeback on Thursday when Manny Ramirez hit a two-run single off B.J. Ryan with the bases loaded in the ninth to make it 9-7.

"In the ninth inning, you cross your fingers," Orioles manager



David Ortiz watches as his bid for a game-winning, three-run homer falls short in a 9-7 loss to Baltimore.

Lee Mazzilli said. "You've got confidence in B.J., that's why he's in there. It's a great pitch against a great hitter matchup."

Ortiz hit a 370-foot drive that Newhan caught about 10 feet from the fence. After starting up the first-base line in what appeared to be a home-run trot, Ortiz snapped his head back in disappointment.

"If you saw the whole series, you knew the ninth wasn't going to be easy," Ryan said. "Ortiz is a big, strong guy, but I thought I got it in on him. It's a pretty good poke to right, but I could have done without seeing it."

Although the Red Sox fell further behind the Yankees, they still lead the AL wild-card by six games over Anaheim and Texas.

"We would love to win the division," outfielder Johnny Damon said. "We'll see where we sit come this weekend."

Baltimore broke a 5-5 tie in the eighth on pinch-hitter Jose Leon's bases-loaded single.

Miguel Tejada hit a three-run homer for the Orioles, Todd Williams (2-0) pitched a perfect seventh and the Baltimore bullpen

pitched four scoreless innings, retiring 11 straight before Ramirez brought Boston within two runs.

Ramiro Mendoza (1-1) gave up one-out singles to B.J. Surhoff and Javy Lopez in the eighth before Terry Adams came on and threw a wild pitch that moved the runners to second and third. Larry Bigbie hit it back to the mound to get Surhoff in a rundown that left Baltimore with runners on second and third with two outs.

Geromino Gil was intentionally walked to load the bases, and Leon singled to right field to make it 7-5. Bigbie and Gil added Red Sox left fly-run homer in the ninth to make it 9-5.

White Sox 7, Royals 6: Joe Crede hit a game-winning three-run shot in the ninth off Jeremy Affeldt (3-4).

Crede also homered in the eighth and Aaron Rowand and Ross Gload went deep for the host White Sox.

Dariso Marte (6-5) pitched a scoreless ninth.

Indians 9, Twins 7: Cliff Lee won for the second time since July 16 and rookie Grady Sizemore left fly-run homer in the 12-8 lead through 5½ innings, allowing five runs and eight hits.

Josh Bard homered and had three RBIs and Coco Crisp drove in two runs for host Cleveland.

Bat: Feats at plate might not be enough for Mariners' Martinez

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"They're not going to hold it against you. It's part of the game and should be included as such."

Ask anybody in Seattle whether Martinez belongs in the Hall of Fame, and the answer is he should as winter rainfall. Outside the Pacific Northwest, however, it's less clear-cut.

"If you look purely at numbers, he's borderline," Anaheim manager Mike Scioscia said.

Martinez is a career .311 hitter with 308 homers, 2,240 hits, 1,258 RBIs and an on-base percentage of .419. With 10 games remaining this season, he was hitting .268 on the year with 11 home runs, 121 hits, 60 RBIs and a .351 on-base percentage.

Martinez's 1,000 RBIs as a DH are the highest total by anyone who played at least 1,000 games at that position. The same goes for Martinez's .315 average as a DH and his 242 homers as a DH.

He's the seventh player with at least 300 home runs, 500 doubles (514), 1,000 walks and 1,000 career batting average of at least .300 and a career on-base percentage of at least .400.

The others are Stan Musial, Roberto Hornsby, Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig, Ted Williams and Barry Bonds. Hornsby and Martinez are the only right-handed hitters on that list.

Which is one of the most feared right-handed hitters for a long time in this league," Molitor said. "The amount of respect he has

Edgar Martinez at a glance

Born: Jan. 2, 1963 in New York City.
Bats: Right
Throws: Right

AL-Star Series: 1992, 1995, 1996, 1997, 2000, 2001, 2003.

Silver Slugger: 1992, 1997, 2001, 2003.

AL Batting Titles: 1992 (.343), 1996 (.350).

Career: .311 hitter; 308 home runs; 2,240 hits; 1,258 walks; 1,282 RBIs; 1,258 RBIs; .419 on-base percentage.

His 1,000 RBIs, 315 average and 242 hits as a DH are the best by anyone who played at least 1,000 games as DH.

Seventh player in history with at least 300 home runs, 500 doubles, 1,000 walks, a career hitting average of at least .300 and a career on-base percentage of at least .400.

Better 300 or better 10 times in full major league seasons. Set AL DH record for most hits in a full season, 132 (12) vs. NY in 1995.

First player in history with seven RBIs in one postseason game (Game 4, 1995 ALDS vs. NY).

Career average of at least 300 vs. 12 of 13 teams (294 vs. Boston).

Seattle's career leading hitting distinction (hits, doubles, walks and games played).

Spent entire career with Mariners after signing as a free agent Dec. 19, 1992.

from peers speaks to the value of the offensive player he was."

Martinez is well short of the magical numbers that usually guarantee a spot in Cooperstown: 3,000 hits and 500 home runs.

For every rule there's an exception: Kirby Puckett was enshrined in 2001 with a 318 career average, 2,304 hits and 207 homers.

Puckett, though, was famous for his defense, something that works against Martinez, and Puckett's career was cut short because glaucoma blinded his right eye.

It's worth noting that Martinez played 563 games at third base and 28 at first before settling in as

a full-time DH in 1992, when he won his first batting title with a .343 average.

Martinez hit .356 in 1995 to win his second batting crown. That year, he had the highest average by a right-handed AL batting champion since Joe DiMaggio hit .381 in 1939.

Martinez also had the biggest hit in franchise history.

His 11th-inning double in the fifth game of the 1995 AL division series touched off a frenzy at the Kingdom when Joey Cora and Ken Griffey Jr. scored, lifting the Mariners to a thrilling 6-5 victory over the New York Yankees.

"A lot of people remember that double when they talk about my career," Martinez said. "I'd say, 'That's what would define my career.'"

In "Out of Left Field," a book by Seattle Post-Intelligencer columnist Art Thiel, former Mariners manager Lou Piniella called it "the hit, the run, the game, the series and the season that saved baseball in Seattle."

At the time, the state Legislature was considering funding for what eventually became Safeco Field and a local ownership group was fighting to keep the team in Seattle. The excitement of the franchise's first postseason series victory built invaluable support.

How fitting that Martinez was the player who delivered the clinch hit.

In my mind, he's a Hall of Famer. I think he's the Tony Perez of our generation," Scioscia

said. "If you talk about a guy who consistently hit the ball hard on an at-bat by at-bat basis, Edgar is in an elite group."

"You're talking about some all-time greats you would compare him to. He's definitely the one guy you didn't want to see come up there with the game on the line," Scioscia said.

Martinez said he'll just sit back and let the Hall voters think it out.

"There are a lot of different opinions about it," he said.

"What I think is that the DH makes a daily contribution to the team, just like any position player who plays every day."

Martinez's meticulous preparation is the stuff of legend. He selects bats using a digital scale at his locker and begins his hitting routine under the seats three or four batters before he's due on deck.

Raised by his grandparents in Puerto Rico, Martinez credits his grandfather for his perfectionist approach. One week after each season ended, Martinez was in the weight room.

"Edgar defined the position of the DH," said Anaheim's Troy Glaus. "He was the first guy to take it on as a role, not just as a guy who's banged up and had to DH for a week. He's done it at a very high level, and that's not an easy thing to do."

Which is, question, Martinez's history of injuries contributed to his job as DH. He's had to play through some kind of affliction

nearly every year since 1990, his first full season in the majors.

In recent years, Martinez battled a notorious hamstring injury and performed eye exercises to maintain sharpness in his vision. Last year, he played the final month with a broken toe in his right foot.

As of midweek, he hadn't played since fouling a pitch off his left foot Sept. 18. Had he ever played on a National League team, Martinez believes he could have handled first or third every day.

"And the way he hits, believe me, Edgar would have been played on the field somewhere," Seattle manager Bob Melvin said.

Martinez ranks among those rarest of modern athletes by spending his entire career with the same team. He signed in December 1982 and made his major league debut on Sept. 12, 1987 against the Chicago White Sox.

"It's important. Not many players have that many years," Martinez said. "I always felt I've been here. I love to play here. I've always enjoyed it immensely to play here. I always wanted to stay."

Armstrong noted most fans think of Cal Ripken when they think of the Orioles. With the Padres, it's Tony Gwynn. The Red Sox had Ted Williams. The Cardinals had Yastrzemski and the Yankees had Mickey Mantle and Joe DiMaggio.

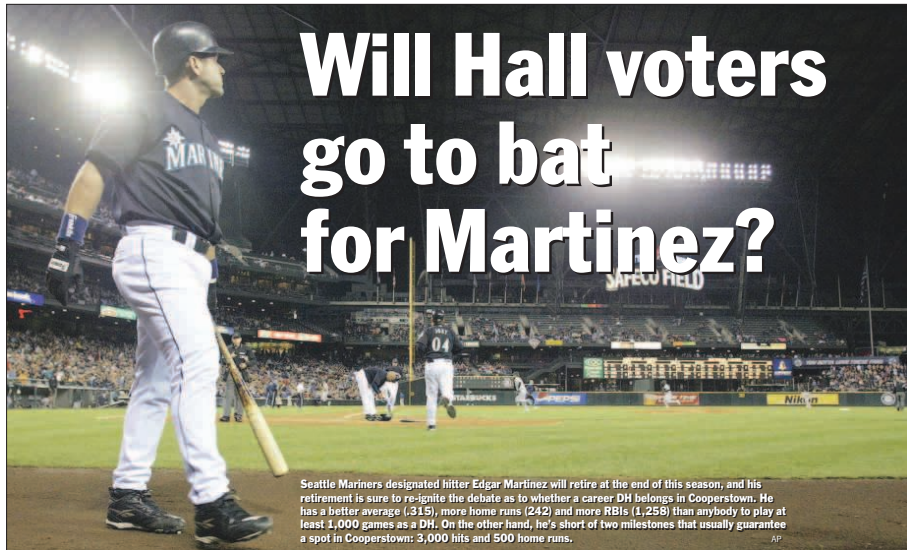
"As the years go by, I believe when they think of the Mariners they'll think of Edgar Martinez," Armstrong said.

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Will Hall voters go to bat for Martinez?



Seattle Mariners designated hitter Edgar Martinez will retire at the end of this season, and his retirement is sure to re-ignite the debate as to whether a career DH belongs in Cooperstown. He has a better average (.315), more home runs (242) and more RBIs (1,258) than anybody to play at least 1,000 games as a DH. On the other hand, he's short of two milestones that usually guarantee a spot in Cooperstown: 3,000 hits and 500 home runs.

AP

Beloved Mariners DH will put criteria to test

BY TIM KORTE
The Associated Press

SEATTLE
Edgar Martinez has been swinging his bat in Seattle so long, he seems as much a city fixture as the Space Needle and Pioneer Square.

Unlike the landmarks, Martinez won't be on display much longer.

Retirement is looming for the 41-year-old Mariners star, regarded as one of the best right-handed hitters of his generation.

"I know when I get to that final homestand, I'm going to feel very emotional about it," Martinez said. "I know I'm going to miss the competition and everything that goes with baseball."

Martinez will retire as a seven-time All-Star and two-time American League batting champion. He'll be remembered as one of the nicest guys in baseball, beloved by Seattle fans and an exceptional clubhouse presence.

"Edgar is very special person," Mariners President Chuck Armstrong said. "He's a very loyal per-

son, a great teammate."

His retirement also is likely to test the limits on one of baseball's most fiery debates. Martinez will be the most accomplished career designated hitter to contend for a plaque at Cooperstown.

"I think the writers have spoken in my case and they will again in the future," said Seattle hitting coach Paul Molitor, inducted into the Hall of Fame this summer after playing the final eight seasons of his career as a DH.

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Edgar Martinez
Mariners designated hitter



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